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# 1990 CANTERBURY TOWN REPORT

## CANTERBURY, NEW HAMPSHIRE



Photo by Ken Williams

Eldress Gertrude Soule

Eldress Bertha Lindsay



CANTERBURY  
Shaker Village



*Elder Henry Blinn and his beehives*

The Shakers began worshipping regularly in Canterbury in the 1780s at the 100 acre farm of the Benjamin Whitcher family. In 1792 The United Society of Believers in Christ's Second Appearing were "called to order" by the parent ministry in Mt. Lebanon, N.Y. Master builder Moses Johnson arrived in Canterbury that same year to supervise the building of the Meeting House which today still dominates the Village hilltop on Shaker Road. In 1992 the Village will celebrate its 200th Anniversary with a series of public events and programs centered around a restored Meeting House.

The Meeting House in 1792 was the first of many buildings erected by the Shakers. At its peak in the mid-nineteenth century, the Canterbury Shaker commun-

ity contained some 300 people living and working in more than 100 buildings on approximately 3,000 contiguous acres in Canterbury and Loudon. Shaker Village was, by New Hampshire standards, a sizeable town with a balanced mix of agriculture, industry and domestic production.

Since 1969, when the remaining Shakers deeded all remaining land (690 acres), buildings (23) and possessions to a non-profit educational organization, the Village has developed as an internationally recognized museum. In 1990 more than 50,000 visitors from 50 states and 54 foreign countries arrived at this historic hilltop in Canterbury.

In time, as we look back at 1990, we will see it as a momentous year in the

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**ANNUAL REPORTS  
OF THE TOWN OFFICERS  
OF THE TOWN OF**



The Canterbury Shaker Meeting House 1792

**HANDS TO WORK AND HEARTS TO GOD**

**SETTLED  
1727**

COMPRISING THOSE OF THE SELECTMEN, TREASURER,  
TOWN CLERK, TAX COLLECTOR,  
HEALTH OFFICER, ROAD AGENT,  
LIBRARY TRUSTEES, TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS,  
PLANNING BOARD, BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT,  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION,  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION, HISTORICAL SOCIETY,  
POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS.

**YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1990**



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## Dedication

Gentle, kind, humble, charitable, and reverent are but some of the many adjectives to describe the character of one of my most beautiful friends, Bertha Lindsay. Although she had the position of Eldress at Canterbury Shaker Village, she always preferred the simple title of Sister.

“Bud,” she would say, “had you known the wonderful Eldresses that I knew in my early years, you would understand why I fall far short of such an exalted title.”

Sister Bertha, or “Bersy” as my children always called her, was more than just a friend; she was our family. Our children loved her as did many other children. Her gentle manner, her infectious laugh, and her sincere love endeared her to us all. As a leader, she did not demand but rather coaxed others to follow. Her presence permeated her home with a spiritual radiance. Her absence leaves an empty place that cannot be filled.

*Charles Bud Thompson*





**TOWN OFFICERS**  
**(Elected)**

**Selectmen (3 Yrs.)**

Leroy Glines, Chairman (1991)  
Michael T. O'Neil (1992)  
Earl Hall (1993)

**Town Clerk/Tax Collector (3 Yrs.)**

Cheryl A. Gordon (1992)  
Mary L. Barker, Deputy Clerk

**Treasurer (1 Yr.)**

Sewall Smith (1991)

**Moderator (2 Yrs.)**

Oliver Fifield (1992)

**School Board (3 Yrs.)**

Kevin Hunt	(1991) Resigned
Nancy Roy	(1991) Appointed
Geoffrey Souther	(1992)

**Planning Board (3 Yrs.)**

James Bassett, Chairman	(1992)
James Carter	(1991)
Douglas Ruesswick	(1991)
Wayne Mann, Vice Chairman	(1992)
George Glines	(1993)
Mary Ellen Fifield	(1993)
Earl Hall, Selectmens Representative	
Alternates:	
Catherine Newick	(1991)
William Mears	(1991) Resigned



### **Cemetery Committee (3 Yrs.)**

Virginia Dudley	(1992)
Charles Dubois	(1992)
Hugh Fifield	(1993)

### **Supervisors of Checklist (6 Yrs.)**

Mary Ann Winograd,	
Chairman	(1992)
Marcia Scarponi	(1994)
Brenda Murray	(1996)

### **Library Trustees (3 Yrs.)**

Barbara Cook, Chairman	(1993)
Mark Hampton	(1991) Resigned
Simon Leeming, Treasurer	(1991)
Juanita Field, Secretary	(1993)
Patty Laufman	(1993)
Virginia LaPlante	(1992)
David Swenson	(1992)
Elizabeth Kaminski	(1991) Appointed

### **Trustee of Trust Funds (3 Yrs.)**

Kent Ruesswick, Chairman	(1993)
Nancy Lilly	(1991)
Marcia Scarponi	(1992)

### **State Representatives**

Robert Lockwood - Canterbury  
Richard Barberia - Canterbury  
Leo Fraser - Pittsfield

### **State Senator**

Gordon Humphrey - Chichester

**TOWN OFFICERS**  
**(Appointed)**

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**Clerk of the Board**  
Jean H. Bezanson

**Assistant Clerk of the Board**  
Kathryn K. Dickson

**Road Agent**  
Hugh R. Fifield

**Police**  
Harry Heath, Chief  
Ed Blais, Officer

**Health Officer**  
Dr. Francis Hayes

**Fire Warden/Civil Defense Director**  
Dale Caswell

**Budget Committee (3 Yrs.)**

Geoffrey Souther	(1991)
Robert Buchholz	(1991)
Sewall Smith	(1991)
Gerow Brill	(1992)
Frank Tupper	(1992)
John Pratt	(1992)
Mary Ellen Fifield	(1993)
George Glines	(1993)

### **Board of Adjustment (3 Yrs.)**

Joseph Halla, Chairman	(1991)
Philip Cochrane	(1991)
Michael Winograd	(1992)
Charles Cook	(1992)
Sandra Hodsdon	(1993)
Alternates:	
John Pratt	(1992)
David Scanlon	(1992)

### **Conservation Commission (3 Yrs.)**

Robert Fife, Chairman	(1992)
Kenneth Stern	(1993)
Virginia LaPlante	(1993)
Kathleen Dole	(1991) Resigned
Robert Quinn	(1992)
Diane Jacobsen	(1992)
Paul Sanborn	(1992)
Alternates:	
Chance Anderson	(1991)
David Lamb	(1991) Resigned
Larry Phillips	(1993)
David Rauseo	(1993)
Teresa C. Wyman	(1993)

### **Fire Department**

Dale Caswell, Chief  
Lynn Edmunds, Deputy Chief  
Peter Blanchette, Deputy

### **Librarian**

Julie Brillhart, Librarian  
Susan Holmes, Assistant Librarian  
Carol Landry, Assistant Librarian

**Building Inspector**

Steve Cochrane

**Recreation Committee (3 Yrs.)**

Richard Ennis, Chairman (1993)

Kevin Hunt (1993)

Jeffrey Leidinger (1991)

Mason Newick (1992)

Alternate:

Harold Boley (1991)

# **WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

## **State of New Hampshire**

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The Polls will be open from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Canterbury in the county of Merrimack in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Canterbury on Tuesday, the twelfth day of March, 1991 at seven o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

### **FIRST SESSION**

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing, by ballot.
2. To see how the Town will vote on the following zoning amendments proposed by the Planning Board and by citizen petition to be voted upon by official ballot:

**Question 1.** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town zoning ordinance as follows: Amend the zoning ordinance, under Article #3, Definition of a Minor Subdivision, by deleting in the first sentence the words "requiring no new roads", so the definition reads as follows: SUBDIVISION MINOR: A subdivision of fewer than four (4) lots.

**Question 2.** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by a petition for the Town zoning

ordinance as follows: Modifying "The Zoning Map of the Town of Canterbury, N. H." as set forth below:

Change to the Rural zone the land within the first bend of the Merrimack River North of Hoit Road that is now in the Agricultural-Conservation zone. All land in that area that is presently in the Commercial zone would remain so. **Not recommended by the Planning Board**

**Question 3.** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by a petition for the Town zoning ordinance as follows: The TABLE OF PRINCIPAL USES of the Canterbury Zoning Ordinance be amended to add the following footnote after "convenience store with gas pumps and no repair facilities":

"No such convenience store shall be denied a permit for failure to provide public restroom facilities." **Not recommended by the Planning Board**

**Question 4.** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by a petition for the Town zoning ordinance as follows: The TABLE OF PRINCIPAL USES of the Canterbury Zoning Ordinance be amended to change "convenience store with gas pumps and no repair facilities" from a use permitted by Special Exception to a use permitted by right in the Commercial (C) District. **Not recommended by the Planning Board**

## SECOND SESSION

The second session shall be held at the Canterbury Elementary School on Friday the 15th day of March, 1991 at 7:00 o'clock in the evening to act upon the following subjects:

3. To raise such money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same.
4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of the collection of taxes for the current municipal year, and to issue, in the name of and on the credit of the Town, negotiable notes therefore.
5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell property taken by Tax Collector Deed by public auction, or sealed bid, or as justice may require after consultation with the Conservation Commission. (RSA 80:42)
6. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to apply for, receive and expend Federal or State grants or funds from private sources provided that a public hearing shall be held by the Selectmen prior to the expenditure of such grants and moneys.
7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to allow the local snowmobile clubs the use of the Canterbury-Boscawen bridge for a multi-use winter recreational trail, as long as the clubs can show that insurance coverage would protect the Town in the event of a lawsuit, and that the existing bridge structure will not be damaged or materially altered. (The structure would be a bridge within a bridge.) The bridge would be closed to wheeled vehicles and padlocked during the non-winter seasons. Prior to construction, a qualified engineer chosen by the Town will inspect the bridge and give the Town assurance that the bridge within a bridge will be structurally safe and the cost of the inspection will be borne by the snowmobilers. (By Petition)



8. To see if the Town will vote to designate as a town forest the twenty-acre (more or less) woodlot known as the Foster lot, Tax Map #10, Lot #005, on Briar Bush Road which is now owned by the Town. The purpose of which shall be to encourage the proper management of timber, firewood, and other natural resources for multiple use programs consistent with a forest management program. This action is authorized under RSA 31:110.
9. To see if the Town will enable the full carrying out of the agreement negotiated with Donald and Lois Booth by the Conservation Commission in 1988 for the bargain sale of land to the Town, by accepting as a Class V road, a road built to Town standards located in the area where a road is shown on the map prepared by the Conservation Commission for the Town of Canterbury's application to the Land Conservation Investment Program, at such time as the Selectmen have certified that the road meets the minimum standards for a Class V gravel road, and the Planning Board has approved the location of the road as conforming with zoning and subdivision regulations apart from the question of what zone the road is located in. (By Petition) (Not recommended by the Selectmen)
10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nine thousand dollars (\$9,000) for the purchase of a new sander body and to authorize the withdrawal of nine thousand dollars (\$9,000) from the New Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.
11. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 10, Section 2, of the 1988 Town Meeting to change the percentage of revenue collected pursuant to RSA 79-A (the land use change tax) and deposited into the Conservation Fund from 100% to 50% in accordance with RSA 36-A:5 III as authorized by RSA 79-A:25 II.
12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize a vehicle registration fee of five dollars (\$5) for heavy equipment vehicles,

three dollars (\$3) for automobiles and light trucks, and two dollars (\$2) for all-terrain vehicles. Revenue is to be used for the removal of tires, used motor oil and recycling services pursuant to RSA 261:153V.

13. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this twenty-fifth day of February, 1991

Leroy A. Glines, Chariman  
Michael T. O'Neil  
Earl W. Hall  
Selectmen of Canterbury

A true copy of Warrant — Attest:

Leroy A. Glines, Chairman  
Michael T. O'Neil  
Earl W. Hall  
Selectmen of Canterbury

We hereby certify that we gave notice to the inhabitants within named, to meet at time and place and for the purpose within mentioned, by posting up an attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting within named and like attested copies at the Canterbury Post Office and the Sam Lake House Town Offices being public places in said Town on the 25th day of February, 1991.

Leroy A. Glines, Chairman  
Michael T. O'Neil  
Earl W. Hall  
Selectmen of Canterbury

## REVENUE TO OFFSET 1991 BUDGET

	Est. 1990	Act. 1990	Est. 1991
<b>TAXES</b>			
Yield Taxes .....	\$ 7,000.	\$ 7,662.00	\$ 7,000.
Interest and Penalties on Taxes .....	10,000.	9,706.00	10,000.
Land Use Change Tax .....	8,000.	— 0 —	— 0 —
<b>INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES — STATE</b>			
Shared Revenue - Block Grant .....	47,625.	48,979.00	48,979.
Highway Block Grant .....	44,408.	46,764.00	45,181.
Railroad Tax .....	— 0 —	228.00	250.
Reimb. a/c State-Federal			
Forest Land .....	325.	276.00	275.
Forest Fire Reimbursement .....	100.	536.00	100.
Gas Tax .....	500.	55.00	50.
<b>LICENSES &amp; PERMITS</b>			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees .....	130,000.	127,126.00	125,000.
Dog Licenses .....	600.	500.50	600.
Pistol Permits .....	50.	192.00	150.
Building Permits .....	5,000.	4,800.00	4,500.
Marriage Licenses .....	100.	495.00	100.
License Plate Fees .....	1,500.	— 0 —	1,500.
Filing Fees .....	—	3.00	— 0 —
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>			
Income from Departments .....	2,000.	2,892.00	2,000.
Rent of Town Property .....	25.	— 0 —	25.
<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</b>			
Interest on Deposits .....	14,000.	17,279.00	16,000.
Sale of Town Property .....	1,500.	— 0 —	1,500.
Miscellaneous .....	1,000.	3,695.00	1,000.
Recycling .....	1,000.	1,030.00	1,000.
Cemetery - Perpetual Care .....	—	— 0 —	2,200.
Withdrawals from Capital Reserve ..	—	95,439.00	19,000.
Fund Balance .....	40,506.	50,000.00	50,000.
	<u>\$315,239.</u>	<u>\$417,657.50</u>	<u>\$336,410.</u>
Proposed Budget Total .....	\$600,379.		
Less Estimated Income .....	<u>\$336,410.</u>		
ESTIMATED AMOUNT TO RAISE BY TAXES IN 1991 IS .....	\$263,969.		

# 1991 DETAIL OF THE BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF CANTERBURY

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1990 Approp.	1990 Spent	1991 Approp.	Increase/ Decrease
<b>Town Officers' Salaries</b>				
Selectmen's Salaries .....	5,500.	5,079.24	5,500.	0.00
Hourly Clerical Employees .....	17,115.	20,000.99	21,000.	3,885.00
Town Clerk Salary .....	1,000.	1,000.00	1,000.	0.00
Deputy Town Clerk Salary .....	9,187.	7,157.10	11,200.	2,013.00
Town Clerk Fees .....	7,000.	3,299.00	7,000.	0.00
Tax Collector Salary .....	10,000.	7,262.48	10,000.	0.00
Tax Collector Fees .....	2,500.	2,758.23	2,500.	0.00
Treasurer's Salary .....	2,100.	1,939.34	2,250.	150.00
	<u>54,402.</u>	<u>48,496.38</u>	<u>60,450.</u>	<u>6,048.00</u>
<b>Town Officers' Expenses</b>				
Health Insurance .....	1,572.	1,568.76	1,760.	187.92
Office Equip. Repairs .....	150.	485.98	150.	0.00
Registry of Deeds .....	500.	482.25	500.	0.00
Postage (All Town) .....	2,500.	2,246.30	2,600.	100.00
Selectmen's Seminars .....	200.	125.00	200.	0.00
Data Processing Services .....	1,938.	2,031.81	2,000.	62.00
Tax Map Maintenance .....	1,000.	715.00	750.	(250.00)
Telephone (Selectmen) .....	600.	940.50	950.	350.00
Printing (Selectmen & Town Clerk) ..	500.	531.08	500.	0.00
Printing Town Report .....	3,000.	3,358.00	3,300.	300.00
Office Supplies —				
Sel. & Tax Coll. Offices .....	2,500.	2,750.17	2,500.	0.00
Office Equip. .....	2,050.	1,939.63	4,850.	2,800.00
Marriage license fees to State .....	200.	495.00	300.	100.00
Town Clerk Seminars .....	700.	700.00	200.	(500.00)
Dog Tags .....	150.	231.73	200.	50.00
Petty Cash — C. Gordon .....	100.	100.00	100.	0.00
Tax Collector Seminars .....	300.	208.96	200.	(100.00)
Outside Auditing Services .....	3,250.	3,250.00	3,250.	0.00
Town Clerk & Tax Coll.				
Advertising .....	50.	57.00	50.	0.00
	<u>21,260.</u>	<u>22,217.17</u>	<u>24,360.</u>	<u>3,099.92</u>
<b>Election &amp; Registration Expenses</b>				
Election & Registration Wages .....	888.	1,363.24	312.	(576.00)
Voter Checklists .....	50.		99.	49.00
Election Advertising .....	50.	95.53	40.	(10.00)
Election Misc. Supplies .....	50.	111.16	225.	175.00
	<u>1,038.</u>	<u>1,569.93</u>	<u>676.</u>	<u>(362.00)</u>
<b>Cemeteries</b>				
Cemeteries Wages .....	5,500.	6,226.00	5,500.	0.00
Cemeteries Sub-contracted Help .....		16.44	100.	100.00
Cemeteries Equipment Repairs .....	200.	141.60	200.	0.00
Cemeteries Dues & Reg. Fees .....		0.00		0.00
Cemeteries Gasoline & Oil .....	200.		200.	0.00
Cemeteries Parts & Supplies .....	500.	15.96	200.	(300.00)
	<u>6,400.</u>	<u>6,400.00</u>	<u>6,200.</u>	<u>(200.00)</u>

# 1991 DETAIL OF THE BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF CANTERBURY

General Government Buildings	1990 Approp.	1990 Spent	1991 Approp.	Increase/ Decrease
Canterbury Center Electricity (Bandstand) .....	195.	149.02	200.	5.00
Town Hall Maintenance .....	500.	192.76	500.	0.00
Town Hall Electricity .....	400.	379.39	400.	0.00
Town Hall Heating Oil .....	250.	153.94	250.	0.00
Highway/Fire Dept. Maintenance ...	4,900.	765.61	5,400.	500.00
Highway/Fire Dept. Electricity .....	2,000.	1,684.43	2,000.	0.00
Highway/Fire Dept. Heating Oil ....	1,500.	1,597.38	2,000.	500.00
Sam Lake House Maintenance .....	1,500.	1,733.00	2,000.	500.00
Sam Lake House Electricity .....	750.	1,313.29	750.	0.00
Sam Lake House Heating Oil .....	1,000.	1,348.83	1,400.	400.00
Police Dept. Building Maint. ....	50.	11.86	50.	0.00
Police Dept. Building Electricity ....	600.	273.23	600.	0.00
Historical Society Maintenance .....	200.	0.00	200.	0.00
Historical Society Electricity .....	200.	136.56	200.	0.00
	14,045.	9,739.30	15,950.	1,905.00
<b>Reappraisal of Property</b>				
Property Appraisals .....	4,500.	3,090.00	4,500.	0.00
	4,500.	3,090.00	4,500.	0.00
<b>Planning and Zoning</b>				
Planning Board Sec. Wages .....	2,000.	807.87	1,500.	(500.00)
Planning Board Seminars .....	200.	45.00	200.	0.00
Planning Board Registry of Deeds ...	50.	0.00	50.	0.00
Planning Board Prof. Services .....	2,000.	0.00	500.	(1,500.00)
Planning Board Postage .....	500.	556.80	600.	100.00
Planning Board Advertising .....	350.	386.15	400.	50.00
Planning Board Printing .....	150.	1,100.24	500.	350.00
Planning Board Supplies .....	150.	374.61	175.	25.00
Planning Board Equipment .....	100.	225.69	100.	0.00
Board of Adjustment Sec. Salary ....	750.	309.83	750.	0.00
Board of Adjustment Seminars .....	50.	0.00	50.	0.00
Board of Adjustment Postage .....	100.	65.65	100.	0.00
Board of Adjustment Advertising ...	500.	173.50	500.	0.00
Board of Adjustment Printing .....	0.	0.00	0.	0.00
Board of Adjustment Supplies .....	50.	0.00	50.	0.00
	6,950.	4,045.34	5,475.	(1,475.00)
<b>Legal Expenses</b>				
Attorney Expenses .....	3,000.	4,780.95	5,000.	2,000.00
	3,000.	4,780.95	5,000.	2,000.00
<b>Regional Associations</b>				
N.H. Resource Recovery Assn. ....	100.	115.00	150.	50.00
Town Clerk/Tax Coll. Assn. Dues ...	50.	37.00	50.	0.00
Central NH Planning Commission ..	1,464.	1,464.00	1,487.	23.00
N.H.M.A. Membership .....	500.	634.31	640.	140.00
Assn. of Assessing Officials Dues ...	0.	0.00	20.	20.00
Regional/Concord Solid Waste Coop. ....	800.		0.	(800.00)
	2,914.	2,250.31	2,347.	(567.00)

# 1991 DETAIL OF THE BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF CANTERBURY

	1990 Approp.	1990 Spent	1991 Approp.	Increase/ Decrease
<b>Police Department</b>				
Police Dept. Wages .....	36,750.	38,376.91	39,000.	2,250.00
Police Dept. Cruiser Maintenance ...	3,000.	2,908.64	3,500.	500.00
Police Dept. Health Insurance .....	1,572.	1,568.76	1,760.	188.00
Police Dept. Telephone .....	500.	360.67	500.	0.00
Police Dept. Dispatch Services .....	6,179.	6,179.00	6,778.	599.00
Police Dept. Radios & Repairs .....	2,000.	189.72	4,140.	2,140.00
Police Dept. Office Supplies .....	600.	2,187.93	600.	0.00
Police Dept. Uniforms .....	400.	61.95	600.	200.00
Police Dept. Gasoline .....	3,700.	2,394.57	3,700.	0.00
Police Dept. Misc. Supplies .....	0.	0.00	300.	
Police Dept. Retirement .....	2,500.	2,956.65	3,000.	500.00
	57,201.	57,184.80	63,878.	6,677.00
<b>Fire Department</b>				
Fire Dept. Reimbursement .....	4,000.	4,000.00	4,000.	0.00
Fire Dept. Forest Fire Costs .....	2,200.	1,371.46	2,200.	0.00
Fire Dept. Vehicle Maintenance .....	4,700.	4,263.61	4,700.	0.00
Fire Dept. Training & Prevention .....	1,000.	830.46	1,000.	0.00
Fire Dept. Dispatch Services .....	6,446.	6,446.45	7,000.	554.00
Fire Dept. Radios & Repairs .....	1,200.	1,995.65	1,200.	0.00
Fire Dept. Misc. Supplies (Water Sources) .....	1,000.	1,657.04	1,000.	0.00
Fire Dept. Gasoline & Oil .....	1,500.	733.35	1,500.	0.00
Fire Dept. Replacement Equip. ....	5,200.	4,772.23	5,200.	0.00
Fire Dept. Office Equipment .....	200.	521.80	200.	0.00
Fire Dept. Medical Training .....	400.	0.00	400.	0.00
Fire Dept. Medical Supplies .....	800.	1,449.45	1,800.	1,000.00
Fire Dept. Firefighting Equip. Maint. ....	2,000.	2,860.75	2,000.	0.00
Fire Dept. Inspection Fees .....	400.	140.00	200.	(200.00)
	31,046.	31,042.25	32,400.	1,354.00
<b>Civil Defense</b>				
Civil Defense	1.	0.00	1.	0.00
	1.	0.00	1.	0.00
<b>Building Inspection</b>				
Building Inspector Salary .....	2,500.	2,308.74	2,500.	0.00
Building Inspector Supplies .....	500.	279.19	250.	(250.00)
	3,000.	2,587.93	2,750.	(250.00)
<b>Highway Dept. Town Maintenance</b>				
Highway Dept. Wages .....	80,850.	81,384.89	82,000.	1,150.
Highway Temporary Help (subcontracted) .....	4,000.	3,497.69	4,000.	0.00
Highway Dept. Salt .....	9,000.	9,214.11	10,000.	1,000.
Highway Dept. Sand & Gravel .....	14,000.	17,252.78	15,000.	1,000.00
Highway Dept. Culverts & Bridges ..	3,000.	6,816.93	6,000.	3,000.00
Highway Dept. Road Tar .....	16,000.	18,219.98	16,000.	0.00
Highway Dept. Road Imp. Projects ..	25,000.	13,123.62	20,000.	(5,000.00)
	151,850.	149,510.00	153,000.	1,150.00

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	1990 Approp.	1990 Spent	1991 Approp.	Increase/ Decrease
<b>General Highway Dept. Expenses</b>				
Highway Dept. Equipment Repairs . .	9,000.	7,169.24	9,000.	0.00
Highway Dept. BC/BS & Disability Ins. ....	6,653.	5,071.68	6,000.	(653.00)
Highway Dept. Telephone .....	700.	585.50	700.	0.00
Highway Dept. Misc. Supplies .....	1,200.	1,529.07	1,200.	0.00
Highway Dept. Gasoline & Diesel ...	10,000.	10,983.92	13,000.	3,000.00
Highway Dept. Tires .....	1,200.	1,686.42	1,200.	0.00
	<u>28,753.</u>	<u>27,025.83</u>	<u>31,100.</u>	<u>2,347.00</u>
<b>Street Lighting</b>				
Street Lighting Electricity .....	1,500.	1,132.18	1,500.	0.00
	<u>1,500.</u>	<u>1,132.18</u>	<u>1,500.</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>SANITATION</b>				
<b>Solid Waste Disposal</b>				
Solid Waste Wages .....	13,000.	11,504.10	13,000.	0.00
Solid Waste Recycling Services .....	5,000.	10,153.98	7,825.	2,825.00
Solid Waste Repairs (Trans. & Truck Repairs .....	5,000.	168.87	4,000.	(1,000.00)
Solid Waste Telephone .....	250.	239.42	275.	25.00
Solid Waste Supplies .....	2,000.	1,000.00	1,500.	(500.00)
Solid Waste Electricity .....	1,500.	213.66	500.	(1,000.00)
Solid Waste Fuel Oil .....	700.	700.00	700.	0.00
Solid Waste Coop Fee, Ash Disposal .....	25,000.	21,415.34	22,500.	(2,500.00)
Central NH Waste Dist. ....	0.		1.	1.00
	<u>52,450.</u>	<u>45,395.37</u>	<u>50,301.</u>	<u>(2,149.00)</u>
<b>Hospitals &amp; Ambulances</b>				
Hospital Appropriation .....	700.	700.00	700.	0.00
Penacook Rescue Squad .....	7,500.	7,500.00	8,500.	1,000.00
Belmont Rescue Squad .....	250.	250.00	250.	0.00
	<u>8,450.</u>	<u>8,450.00</u>	<u>9,450.</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
<b>Animal Control</b>				
Dog Costs (SPCA) .....	150.	48.00	150.	0.00
	<u>150.</u>	<u>48.00</u>	<u>150.</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Vital Statistics</b>				
Vital Statistics Fees .....	50.	42.00	50.	0.00
	<u>50.</u>	<u>42.00</u>	<u>50.</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>General Assistance</b>				
Community Action Program .....	1,209.	1,209.00	1,270.	61.00
General Assistance .....	4,000.	4,240.32	6,000.	2,000.00
Old Age Assistance .....	500.		500.	0.00
Aid to Disabled (Visiting Nurse Assn.) .....	2,625.	850.00	1,000.	(1,625.00)
	<u>8,334.</u>	<u>6,299.32</u>	<u>8,770.</u>	<u>436.00</u>
<b>Library</b>				
Elkins Library Appropriation .....	16,885.	16,885.00	19,300.	2,415.00
	<u>16,885.</u>	<u>16,885.00</u>	<u>19,300.</u>	<u>2,415.00</u>



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	1990 Approp.	1990 Spent	1991 Approp.	Increase/ Decrease
<b>Historic District Commission</b>				
Historic Distr. Comm. Approp. ....	1,000.		500.	(500.00)
Historic Distr. Postage .....		31.45		0.00
Historic Distr. Printing .....		232.80		0.00
Historic Distr. Supplies .....		166.99		0.00
	<u>1,000.</u>	<u>431.24</u>	<u>500.</u>	<u>(500.00)</u>
<b>Canterbury Ind. Dev. Committee</b>				
Canterbury Ind. Dev.				
Committee Approp. ....	1,000.	275.00	250.	(750.00)
	<u>1,000.</u>	<u>275.00</u>	<u>250.</u>	<u>(750.00)</u>
<b>Parks &amp; Recreation</b>				
Recreation Comm. Repairs .....				
Recreation Comm. Equipment .....	750.	757.62	750.	0.00
	<u>750.</u>	<u>757.62</u>	<u>750.</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Patriotic Purposes</b>				
Memorial Day Expenses .....	200.	99.25	200.	0.00
Fourth of July Expenses .....	800.	880.00	800.	0.00
	<u>1,000.</u>	<u>979.25</u>	<u>1,000.</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Conservation Commission</b>				
Conservation Comm. Dues .....	150.	120.00	150.	0.00
Conservation Comm. Postage .....	50.	10.00	50.	0.00
Conservation Comm. Printing & Adv. ....	150.	44.00	150.	0.00
Conservation Comm. Supplies .....	200.	33.12	200.	0.00
Conservation Comm. Land Mgmt. ..		360.00	150.	150.00
	<u>550.</u>	<u>567.12</u>	<u>700.</u>	<u>150.00</u>
<b>Historical Society</b>				
Historical Society Preservation Exp. .	100.	100.00	250.	150.00
Historical Society Misc. Supplies ....	100.	100.00	250.	150.00
	<u>200.</u>	<u>200.00</u>	<u>500.</u>	<u>300.00</u>
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>				
<b>Principal of Long Term Debt</b>				
Principal Payment Fire Truck .....	22,400.	22,400.00	22,400.	0.00
	<u>22,400.</u>	<u>22,400.00</u>	<u>22,400.</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Interest of Long Term Debt</b>				
Interest Payment Fire Truck .....	4,960.	4,960.11	3,171.	(1,789.27)
	<u>4,960.</u>	<u>4,960.11</u>	<u>3,171.</u>	<u>(1,789.27)</u>
<b>INTEREST OF TAX ANTIC.</b>				
NOTES .....	500.	1,006.95	500.	0.00
<b>FICA RETIREMENT &amp; PENSION CONT.</b> .....	20,000.	18,175.53	19,000.	(1,000.00)
<b>INSURANCE</b> .....	44,000.	27,469.00	44,000.	0.00
<b>SUB-TOTALS</b> .....	<u>570,539.</u>	<u>525,413.88</u>	<u>590,379.</u>	<u>19,839.65</u>
1989 Transfer Station Carryover ....	17,090.	16,463.81		

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	1990 Approp.	1990 Spent	1991 Approp.	Increase/ Decrease
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT:				
Highway Equipment - Sander . . . .	0.		5,000.	5,000.00
Highway Truck . . . . .	0.		5,000.	5,000.00
Highway Grader . . . . .	0.			0.00
	0.	0.00	10,000.	10,000.00
OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL . . .	<u>570,539.</u>	<u>541,877.69</u>	<u>600,379.</u>	<u>29,839.65</u>
WARRANT ARTICLES - 1990				
WA #11 Refurbish Fire Truck . . . . .	15,570.	1,453.95		
WA #12 Police Dept. Office . . . . .	30,000.	30,120.00		
WA #13a Road Grader . . . . .	13,000.	12,000.00		
WA #13b Loader . . . . .	60,000.	49,950.00		
WA #17 Road at Merrimack River . . .	7,000.	8,304.00		
TOTAL . . . . .	<u>125,570.</u>	<u>101,827.95</u>		
BUDGET TOTAL WITH				
WARRANT ARTICLES . . . . .	696,109.	643,705.64	600,379.	29,839.65
SHAKER REGIONAL				
SCHOOL DISTRICT . . . . .		1,419,192.45		
REFUNDS . . . . .		2,067.45		
TAX SALES - TAX COLL. . . . .		107,018.86		
MERRIMACK COUNTY TAX . . . . .		163,310.00		

## **MINUTES OF TOWN MEETING (Business Portion)**

**March 16, 1990**

The adjourned Town Meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, March 16, 1990, by the Moderator, Oliver Fifield. A review of the ground rules was presented. Citizens were asked to identify themselves when speaking and to direct all questions to the Moderator.

The Moderator read the results of the balloting from the first session of Town Meeting which was held on Tuesday, March 13, 1990, at the Town Hall.

Robert Scarponi moved to dispense with the reading of the entire Warrant and take the Warrant up Article by Article. Duly seconded. Passed by a voice vote.

### **Article 6.**

To raise such money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same.

Robert Scarponi moved the adoption of the budget as printed. Roy Glines seconded.

Mary Ellen Fifield questioned the increase of \$4,400 on the Highway/Fire Department Maintenance budget. Bob Scarponi, Chairman of the Selectmen, explained that the garage doors on the Highway Department building will need to be replaced this year.

Catherine Newick asked if the large increase of the Solid Waste Disposal budget is reflective of the passing of Warrant Article #16 in regard to mandatory recycling. Bob Scarponi explained that most of the increase in the Solid Waste Disposal budget is due to tipping fees. If the bottles, cans, newspapers, etc. are recycled rather than transported to the Co-op, the weight of the trash will be reduced; therefore, the cost of tipping fees will be reduced.

Calvin Dowling asked about the increase in the Town Officers' Salaries budget. Bob Scarponi said that the biggest increase is for the Town Clerk Fees to cover the cost of handling license plates at the Town Office in Canterbury this year.

Ginger LaPlante asked why the Town did not spend the \$12,500 that was appropriated for Town Hall maintenance last year. Roy Glines explained that before any renovations are made on the Town Hall, the Historic value should be determined. Our primary concern is to have the windows repaired. People at Shaker Village were consulted to learn the best way to restore the Town Hall; but since the work did not get done in 1989, the money went back into the general fund and was not appropriated in 1990 to keep costs down. Bob Scarponi said that money was in the budget for 1990 to cover the cost of minor repairs to the windows in the Town Hall. Bob Scarponi also mentioned that the Town should consider having some renovations done to the Houser Museum in the near future.

The question was moved. The motion to accept the budget as printed in the amount of \$570,539.11 was voted on and passed.

#### **Article 7.**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of the collection of taxes for the current municipal year, and to issue, in the name of and on the credit of the Town, negotiable notes therefor.

Robert Scarponi moved the adoption of this article. Cheryl Gordon seconded.

Article 7 was voted on and passed.

#### **Article 8.**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell property taken by Tax Collector Deed by public auction,

or sealed bid, or as justice may require after consultation with the Conservation Commission. (RSA 80:42)

Robert Scarponi moved the adoption of this article. It was seconded by Roy Glines.

Article 8 was voted on and passed.

#### **Article 9.**

To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to apply for, receive and expend Federal or State grants or funds from private sources provided that a public hearing shall be held by the Selectmen prior to the expenditure of such grants and moneys.

Roy Glines moved the adoption of this article. Michael O'Neil seconded.

Article 9 passed by a voice vote.

#### **Article 10.**

To see if the Town will vote to change the name of Abbott Road to Abbott-Bradley Road.

Robert Scarponi moved the adoption of the article. Roy Glines seconded.

Cynthia Olson, who resides on Abbott Road, asked the selectmen to include this article in the warrant. She explained that at one time, Abbott Road was actually two separate roads; Abbott Road and Bradley Road. She requested that the name of the road be changed to Abbott-Bradley Road for historical purposes and for the purpose of clarifying deed descriptions.

A vote was taken on Article 10 and was passed by a voice vote.

#### **Article 11.**

To see if the Town will authorize the closing of the Capital Reserve-Fire Truck Trust Fund and to authorize the expen-

diture of the balance of said fund amounting to approximately eight thousand nine hundred thirty-three dollars (\$8,933) and further to raise and appropriate an additional sum of six thousand six hundred thirty-six dollars (\$6,636) to refurbish the 1972 Ford Fire Truck with the total expenditure not to exceed fifteen thousand five hundred seventy dollars (15,570).

Robert Scarponi moved to amend the article to read, "To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Capital Reserve-Fire Truck Fund and also to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,570 to refurbish the 1972 Ford Fire Truck." Cheryl Gordon seconded the motion.

Bob Scarponi explained that after consulting with the Department of Revenue Administration in regard to the wording of this article, it was advised that when a Capital Reserve Fund is discontinued, the proceeds should go into the general fund and shown as an income item for the Town.

Mason Newick asked if the passage of this article would mean that we would be closing out the Capital Reserve-Fire Truck Fund and not utilizing it in the future. Bob Scarponi told him that the Capital Reserve Fund had been established some years ago for a purpose such as this, and another fund can be established in the future, if needed.

Dale Caswell, Fire Chief, explained that the 1972 Ford Fire Truck is well-built and the Fire Department feels that by making a small investment, the service life of the truck can be extended considerably.

A vote was taken on the amendment to Article 11 and passed.

Article 11 was voted on as amended and passed.

## **Article 12.**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) for renovations to the old Fire Station to better house the Police Department offices.

John Pratt moved the adoption of this article. Roy Glines seconded.

Harry Heath, Police Chief, asked the selectmen to explain what they expected to get done on the Fire Station with \$12,000.

Roy Glines, Selectmen, explained that they planned to hire an architect for plans for renovations to the building. He said that they are going to try to replace the heating system, repair one bay of the garage, repair the rotting door, and have some waterproofing done to the room that is now being used as an office by the Police Department.

Chief Heath said that he thought the \$12,000 may be enough for architectural plans, but he did not feel that it would be a sufficient amount to do the renovations that are needed. He mentioned that the Police Department needed a safe place to store evidence and that there is water coming in on the floor of the office. Chief Heath also mentioned that they should have some bathroom facilities installed.

Tom Cochrane, a builder, said that he had previously given the Police Department a rough estimate for renovations and thought that the work could be done for approximately \$30,000 without changing the appearance of the building.

Chief Harry Heath moved to amend the article to appropriate **\$30,000** instead of \$12,000 for the renovations to the old Fire Station. The motion was second by Ed Blais.

Ed Blais, Police Officer, spoke in favor of the amendment, detailing the poor condition of the Police Department offices.

Mike Winograd asked if money could be used from the Sam Lake Trust Fund for this purpose. Bob Scarponi answered that the resources of the Sam Lake Trust Fund have been committed to the Sam Lake House for the next three years.

Alan Crabtree mentioned that there was discussion last year at Town Meeting with regard to the condition of the



Police Department building, and he spoke in favor of the amendment to this article.

After considerable discussion, the question was moved.

Article 12 was voted on as amended and passed.

### **Article 13.**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the closing of the Capital Reserve-Road Grader Trust Fund amounting to approximately fifty-eight thousand five hundred fifty-nine dollars (\$58,559).

Robert Scarponi moved to postpone consideration of this article until Article 14 and Article 15 are considered. Motion seconded and passed.

### **Article 14.**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the expenditure of thirteen thousand dollars (\$13,000) from the proceeds of the Capital Reserve-Road Grader Trust Fund to purchase a 1973 Road Grader.

Robert Scarponi moved its adoption. Michael O'Neil seconded.

Bob Scarponi moved to amend the article to read, "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,000 for the purchase of a 1973 Road Grader and to authorize the withdrawal of that amount from the Road Grader Capital Reserve Fund." The motion was seconded by Mike O'Neil.

Bob Scarponi explained that the Town currently owns a 1970 Road Grader and Hugh Fifield, Road Agent, suggested that they purchase a 1973 Road Grader which is in good condition with low mileage. The advantages of having two graders were discussed.

A vote was taken on the amendment to Article 14 and passed.

Article 14 as amended was voted on and passed.

### **Article 15.**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the expenditure of the balance of the proceeds of the Capital Reserve-Road Grader Trust Fund (approximately thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) and further to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for the purpose of purchasing a new loader for the Highway Department.

Mike O'Neil moved its adoption. Roy Glines seconded.

Robert Scarponi moved to amend the article to read, "To see if the Town will vote to authorize the expenditure of the balance of the proceeds of the Capital Reserve-Road Grader Trust Fund (approximately **\$45,000**) and further to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$15,000** for the purpose of purchasing a new loader for the Highway Department. Motion seconded. This amendment was necessary to correct a mathematical error.

Bob Scarponi, Selectmen, explained that our present loader is wearing out and we need a replacement.

Hugh Fifield, Road Agent, spoke in favor of the passage of this article stating that the Town's loader is about 14 years old and it has a good trade-in value.

A vote was taken on the amendment to Article 15 and passed.

Article 15 as amended was voted on and passed.

### **Article 13.**

Robert Scarponi moved to amend Article 13 to read, "To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Capital Reserve-Road Grader Fund and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,000 for the purpose of a 1973 Road Grader and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000 for the purchase of a loader for the Highway Department." Michael O'Neil seconded.

A vote was taken on the amendment to Article 13 and passed.

Article 13 as amended was voted on and passed.

Bob Scarponi made a motion to rescind the previous action taken on Article 14 and Article 15 because the same action is contained in the acceptance of Article 13. The motion was seconded by Roy Glines and was passed unanimously.

### **Article 16.**

To authorize the Selectmen to require that waste generated in the Town of Canterbury shall be subject to mandatory recycling and to empower them to regulate the standards and procedures thereof.

Ginger LaPlante moved the adoption of this article. Duly seconded.

Allen Crabtree asked if a fine would be imposed if a person did not separate the glass. Mike O'Neil answered that at this time there is no fine proposed; but if the glass is not separated, it will have to be done at the dump or they will be asked to leave with their trash. There have been glass bins constructed at the Canterbury Town Dump with the money from the insurance proceeds (a result of the incinerator fire).

Mike O'Neil, Selectman, explained that the acceptance of this article would allow the attendants at the dump to insure that recycling is done to reduce the tonnage that goes to the plant in Penacook; thus, reducing the tipping fees.

Allen Crabtree asked if there would be someone working at the dump to help with the sorting of cans and bottles. Mike O'Neil answered that there will be money in the budget to cover the cost of hiring a manager at the dump and there will be two people there at all times.

Arline Cochrane asked if there would be more thorough instructions in regard to recycling of certain items. Melanie Stephens, Chairperson of the Recycling Committee, ex-

plained that a flyer will be created to explain the process of recycling.

A vote was taken on Article 16 and passed.

#### **Article 17.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven thousand dollars (7,000) for the building of a road and parking area at the Town-owned conservation area along the Merrimack River.

Ginger LaPlante moved the adoption of this article. Roy Glines seconded.

Ken Stern, a member of the Conservation Commission, explained that we should be maintaining the land that was donated to the Town by the Booths. A plan was presented of the parking area and road that is planned for the Town-owned conservation area at the Merrimack River. The Conservation Commission talked with an engineer who gave them an estimate of \$20,000; the selectmen talked with a contractor in Town that said the job could be done for \$7,000.

Mary Ellen Fifield wondered how the parking area was going to be maintained as far as the trash goes. Ken Stern said that the Conservation Commission is assuming responsibility for periodic trash pickups at the area.

Joe Harpham asked if we are exposing ourselves to more liability with a new parking lot. Ken Stern answered that the parking lot would add no more liability; in his opinion there would be less liability.

A vote was taken on Article 17 and passed.

#### **Article 18.**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to allow the local snowmobile clubs the use of the Canterbury/Boscawen bridge for a multi-use winter recreational trail, as long as the clubs can show that insurance coverage would protect the Town in the event of a lawsuit. (The structure would be a bridge within a bridge.) The bridge would be

closed to wheeled vehicles and padlocked during the non-winter seasons. (By Petition) (Not recommended by the selectmen.)

Lou Cote moved the adoption of this article. Ron Corriveau seconded.

Tom Cochrane spoke in favor of this article as President of the New Hampshire Sno-Shakers. He explained that the snowmobile clubs in the State are covered for liability by a \$2,000,000 policy which has year-round coverage. The clubs' plans are to build a bridge inside the existing structure and it would be approximately five feet wide. They plan to close the bridge to wheeled vehicles and it would be padlocked during the non-winter seasons.

Ron Corriveau asked if the new structure would be load-bearing on the platform of the existing bridge. Tom Cochrane did not feel that this bridge would be load-bearing.

Mary Ellen Fifield spoke against the passage of this article with regard to the liability. The bridge is not safe and it is almost impossible to keep people off the bridge.

Glenn Geiger asked if the \$2,000,000 liability insurance coverage is per accident. He also wanted to know if there were any permits necessary from the State before this structure can be built. Lou Cote from N. H. Sno-Shakers answered tht the \$2,000,000 is per accident and as far as he knows, there are no permits needed.

Dale Caswell spoke in favor of the adoption of this article stating that the bridge would be made safer and people are going to be using it anyway.

Geoff Souther asked why this article was not recommended by the selectmen and he also mentioned that last year there was considerable discussion about the possible demolition of the bridge and as a legislative body, we voted to form a committee to study with Boscawen the renovation and historic value of the bridge. He wanted to know the outcome of this study.

Bob Scarponi, Chairman of the Selectmen, mentioned that over the years, the selectmen have been very concerned about the liability with regard to the Canterbury/Boscawen bridge. Last year the selectmen recommended the demolition of the bridge and a committee was appointed to determine the historical significance of the bridge and the architectural value. In consulting with the Town attorney, suggestion was made that the focus of the Town's concern should not be on the insurance coverage but rather on the suitability of the bridge for the intended use. Engineering studies have been done on the bridge, and the selectmen are not convinced that it is structurally sound.

Jim Bassett spoke on behalf of the committee that was established to study the historic value of the Canterbury/Boscawen bridge. They have met with State and Federal officials looking for funding sources to investigate the future uses of the bridge, but they are in the middle of the process and they are not prepared to tear down the bridge or make any recommendations at this time. The committee is, however, willing to support this article provided that there are amendments made.

Jim Bassett moved to amend the article to read, "To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to allow the local snowmobile clubs the use of the Canterbury/Boscawen bridge for a multi-use winter recreational trail, as long as the clubs can show that insurance coverage would protect the Town in the event of a lawsuit **and that the existing bridge structure will not be damaged or materially altered.** (The structure would be a bridge within a bridge.) The bridge would be closed to wheeled vehicles and padlocked during the non-winter seasons. **Prior to construction, a qualified engineer chosen by the Town will inspect the bridge and give the Town their assurance that the bridge within a bridge will be structurally safe and the cost of the inspection will be borne by the snowmobilers.**" The motion was seconded by Lou Cote.



After considerable discussion with regard to the liability problems, a vote was taken on the amendment to Article 18 and was passed by a voice vote.

Article 18 as amended was voted on and was defeated.

### **Article 19.**

As citizens of New Hampshire assembled at our Town Meeting and concerned over the present and future well-being of our Town, State, Nation and World, we call on our representatives in Washington to work vigorously for substantial reductions in military spending, and to redirect our federal tax dollars toward such purposes as education, environmental protection, deficit reduction, farming, housing, health care and welfare of the elderly and children. (By Petition)

Lois Booth moved the adoption of this article. It was seconded.

Lois Booth spoke in favor of adopting this article.

Article 19 was voted on and passed unanimously.

### **Article 20.**

To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Bob Scarponi expressed appreciation to Sumner Dole for volunteering to compile a request for proposal for a cable television system for Canterbury. Sumner Dole reported that eight proposals were sent out to different companies and we received answers from three companies. After comparison was made of the three companies, Continental Cable was selected who offered to cable 96% of the town. Prior to the signing of the franchising, a public hearing will be held.

Olivia Henry moved that Canterbury proclaim April 22 as Earth Day, part of a world wide effort to promote environmental protection. The motion was seconded and passed.



Geoff Souther reminded the townspeople to attend the March 23 School District meeting.

John Nay mentioned that we should thank Bob Scarponi, who served as Selectman for many years, and Alan Hodsdon, as Chairman and a member of the Planning Board.

Jim Lilly was thanked for the excellent job that he did on the cover of the Town Report, and Jan Cote was commended for the research that she did on the Sam Lake House.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathryn Dickson for  
Cheryl Gordon, Town Clerk

A true copy — Attest:

Cheryl A. Gordon,  
Town Clerk

## REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK — 1990

Auto Permits 1990	\$127,126.00
Dog Licenses 1990	\$500.50
Marriage Licenses 1990	\$495.00
Filing Fees	<u>\$3.00</u>
Total Remittances to Treasurer	\$128,124.50

Cheryl A. Gordon  
Town Clerk, Canterbury

# **1990 COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES**

	1990 Approp.	1990 Spent	Over/ Under
<b>General Government</b>			
Town Officer's Salaries .....	54,402.	48,496.38	5,905.62
Town Officer's Expenses .....	21,260.	22,217.17	(957.17)
Election & Registration .....	1,038.	1,569.93	(531.93)
Cemeteries .....	6,400.	6,400.00	0.00
General Gov't Bldgs. ....	14,045.	9,739.30	4,305.70
Reappraisal of Property .....	4,500.	3,090.00	1,410.00
Planning & Zoning .....	6,950.	4,045.34	2,904.66
Legal Expense .....	3,000.	4,780.95	(1,780.95)
Regional Associations .....	2,914.	2,250.31	663.69
<b>Public Safety</b>			
Police Department .....	57,201.	57,184.80	16.20
Fire Department .....	31,046.	31,042.25	3.75
Civil Defense .....	1.	0.00	1.00
Building Inspection .....	3,000.	2,587.93	412.07
<b>Highways, Streets, Bridges</b>			
Highway Dept. Maintenance .....	151,850.	149,510.00	2,340.00
Highway Dept. Gen. Exp. ....	28,753.	28,463.86	289.14
Street Lighting .....	1,500.	1,132.18	367.82
<b>Sanitation</b>			
Solid Waste Disposal .....	52,450.	61,859.18	(9,409.18)
<b>Health</b>			
Hospitals & Ambulances .....	8,450.	8,450.00	0.00
Animal Control .....	150.	48.00	102.00
Vital Statistics .....	50.	42.00	8.00
<b>Welfare</b>			
General Assistance .....	8,334.	6,299.32	2,034.68
<b>Culture &amp; Recreation</b>			
Library .....	16,885.	16,885.00	0.00
Historical District Commission .....	1,000.	431.24	568.76
Industrial Development Comm. ....	1,000.	275.00	725.00
Parks & Recreation .....	750.	757.62	(7.62)
Patriotic Purposes .....	1,000.	979.25	20.75
Conservation Commission .....	550.	567.12	(17.12)
Historical Society .....	200.	200.00	0.00
<b>Debt Service</b>			
Principal Payment Fire Truck .....	22,400.	22,400.00	0.00
Interest Payment Fire Truck .....	4,960.	4,960.11	(.11)
Interest Payment Tax Anticipation ..	500.	1,006.95	(506.95)
<b>Miscellaneous</b>			
FICA .....	20,000.	18,175.53	1,824.47
Insurance .....	44,000.	27,469.00	16,531.00
	570,539.	543,315.72	27,223.28

## SUMMARY OF TAXABLE PROPERTY

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Land	\$16,165,208.
Buildings	39,447,690.
Public Utilities	1,028,950.
Manufactured Housing	<u>53,550.</u>
Total Gross Valuation	\$56,695,398.
Less Elderly Exemptions (16)	195,000.
School Dining Room, Dorm Exemp.	66,100.
Solar Exemptions	78,500.
Blind Exemptions	15,000.
Physically Handicapped Exemp.	4,050.
Net Valuation on which Tax	
is Computed	\$56,336,748.
Loss Due to Vet's Exemptions (109)	10,900.
Loss Due to Total Disability (3)	4,200.

Town Tax Rate	\$ 6.22
County Tax Rate	2.87
School Tax Rate	<u>23.62</u>
Per \$1000. Valuation	\$35.92

### Current Use Land

Values before application of	
Current Use	\$23,486,166.
Values after application of	
Current Use	<u>16,165,208.</u>
Assessed Value Lost	\$ 7,320,958.

Number of acres granted for	
Current Use Exemption	17,494.24

## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

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Town Hall, land and buildings	\$ 38,950.
Furniture and Equipment	500.
Library, land and buildings	77,150.
Furniture and Equipment	20,000.
Police Department Building	7,600.
Contents	500.
Garage and Fire Station	141,750.
Contents	4,000.
Historical Building	29,000.
Contents	10,000.
Sam Lake House and Buildings	31,000.
Contents	5,000.
Town Dump, Land & Improvements	8,200.
Incinerator	15,300.
Brick and Frame Bandstand	9,700.
Industrial Site	19,700.
14.017 Worsted Church Lot	2,250.
8.020 Land on e/s Rte 132 — purchased by Conservation Commission	800.
15.013 Land on e/s Abberton Road (Gift)	6,300.
8.041 Land on Kimball Pond (Gift)	4,750.
11.014 LO ES Abbott Road	11,600.
12.16 LO Whitney Hill Road	5,050.
12.028 LO Spendor Meadow	2,700.
Land acquired through Tax Deeds:	
TM# 2.001 LO Shore of New Pond	7,650.
2.022 LO Canterbury Shore Drive	2,300.
2.137 LO Friar Tuck Road	2,300.
2.141 LO Friar Tuck Road	2,500.
2.148 LO Robin Shore Drive	2,200.
2.150 LO Robin Shore Drive	2,200.
2.152 LO Robin Shore Drive	1,900.
12.027 LO Spendor Meadow	4,300.
11.035 LO SS Baptist Road	7,200.
07.046 LO off ES Borough Road	10,550.

01.004.001 LO NS Intervale Road	3,850.
02.334 LO Island New Pond	200.
02.335 LO Island New Pond	300.
02.252 LO Nottingham Road	2,050.
02.288 LO Nottingham Road	200.
02.280 LO Gilmanton Road	2,100.
02.318 LO Blue Boar Lane	1,150.
03.017 LO Northfield Town Line	1,100.
04.008 LO ES Intervale Road	12,550.
10.005 LO ES Briar Bush Road	31,200.
11.031 LO off Baptist Road	6,400.
11.032 LO off Baptist Road	6,400.
13.007 LO ES Misery Road	6,550.
16.015 LO ES Whitney Hill Road	3,600.
16.015.001 LO NS Lovejoy Road	2,200.
17.004.002 LO off Route 106, Rocky Pond	1,700.
18.005 LO ES Route 106	28,600.
02.204 84 Canterbury Shore Dr.	8,250.
02.231 85 Canterbury Shore Dr.	1,800.
02.333.002 Flowage & Dam Rights	1,000.
01.011 LO NS Intervale Rd. T/L	100.
01.012 LO NS Intervale Rd. T/L	150.
18.002 LO ES Rt. 106, SS Shaw Road	2,350
02.133 23 Friar Tuck Road	300
06.017.001 LO Rear of 108 Boyce Rd.	500
Total:	<hr/> \$619,500.

**BALANCE SHEET**  
**Year Ending December 31, 1990**

**Assets**

Cash in hands of treasurer	496,917.19
Cash in hands of selectmen	4,517.71
Sam Lake Income Account	964.47
Capital Reserve Funds:	
Highway Equipment	11,041.20
Highway Truck	13,648.40
Police Cruiser	5,043.19
Revaluation	1,023.19
Fire Truck	9,437.28
Conservation Commission Land Fund	28,971.14
Dump Transfer Station	23,562.34
Unredeemed Taxes:	
Levy of 1989	53,571.21
Levy of 1988	18,674.25
Levy of previous years	245.44
Uncollected Taxes:	
Levy of 1990	<u>368,027.36</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>1,035,644.37</b>

**Liabilities**

Sam Lake Income Account	964.47
Conservation Commission Land Fund	28,971.14
Due to School District	756,007.60
Capital Reserve Funds	<u>63,755.60</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>849,698.81</b>
 Excess of assets (surplus)	 185,945.56

**TOWN OF CANTERBURY  
LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS  
STATEMENT OF DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS**

**December 31, 1990**

**Fire Truck Bond:**

Rate of interest:	5.25%
Amount of original issue:	112,000.00
Date of original issue:	10/01/87
Principal payment date:	April 15
Interest payment date:	April 15
Payable at:	BankEast, Concord

**Maturities**

<b>Fiscal Yr. Ending</b>	<b>Principal</b>	<b>Interest</b>
December 31, 1991	22,400.00	3,171.00 (Est.)
December 31, 1992	<u>22,400.00</u>	<u>1,635.00 (Est.)</u>
Totals	44,800.00	4,806.00



## TREASURER'S REPORT — 1990

### Receipts:

Tax Collector	\$2,060,100.66
Town Clerk	128,124.50
NH Highway Subsidy	46,764.97
NH Gas Tax refund	55.08
NH Reimb. Lands	276.23
NH Revenue Sharing	48,978.81
NH Railroad Tax	228.29
Board of Adjustment Hearing	197.30
Current Use Fees	80.00
Building permits & renewal	4,800.00
Pistol Permits	192.00
Building & Zoning Ordinances	176.15
Sub-division Fees	1,365.90
Use of Equipment	390.00
NSF Check charges	175.32
Inspection Fees	140.00
Interest on Investments	17,278.99
Use of Copier	143.95
Police Reports	185.00
Recycled Waste	1,030.09
Unused Appropriations	3,372.58
Transfer Station Fees	299.50
Other Income	3,689.00
Forest Fire Reimb.	536.48
Insurance Proceeds	2,211.61
Sam Lake Addition Funds	22,750.00
(Capital Reserve) Landfill Fund	35,246.90
(Capital Reserve) Road Grader Fund	60,191.61
Misc. Income	6.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS 1990</b>	<b>\$2,438,986.92</b>
Balance on Hand Jan. 1, 1990	464,017.23
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE:</b>	<b>\$2,903,004.15</b>

<b>Less: Selectmen's Orders Paid</b>	<b>\$2,329,875.90</b>
Sam Lake Addition Payments	47,750.00
Interest on Tax Anticipation Note	1,006.95
Fire Truck Note Payment	22,400.00
Interest on Fire Truck Note	4,960.11
NSF Checks returned	94.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES:</b>	<b>\$2,406,086.96</b>
 Balance on Hand Dec. 31, 1990	 <u><u>\$ 496,917.19</u></u>

### **CONSERVATION COMMISSION FUND**

Balance December 31, 1990

NH Savings Bank Insured	
Money Market Account	\$28,971.14

### **SAM LAKE TRUST INCOME FUND**

Balance December 31, 1990

NH Savings Bank Insured	
Money Market Account	\$964.47

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

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The Selectmen devoted a great deal of time to a number of projects this year.

The Police Station is renovated and now occupied by the Police Department. This project was completed on time and within budget. It is impressive to have such a modern facility located in the center with no change to our "historic center" landscape. We want to thank the members of the Police Department, the designer, Ann Fifield Weger, and the contractor, Tom Cochrane, for a job well done.

Another project undertaken at the direction of the March town meeting, was to create a parking area at the Merrimack River land off of Shoestring Road. Many hours were spent by Mike O'Neil and Earl Hall to get this project done for the money appropriated. Willie Nelson Construction is congratulated by the board for his company's excellent work.

The Highway Department is proud of the used road grader we purchased. It worked throughout the grading season very satisfactory. Another purchase was a Dresser Payloader from the R.C. Hazelton Co. of Manchester. It was purchased only after competitive bidding and at a substantial savings to our town.

The Fire Department asked the town to recondition a 1972 Ford F-750 Fire Truck. The truck, which has been out of service for several months, should serve the town as a very useful piece of equipment for many years to come. It will return to service sometime during 1991. A special thank you to the Fire Department for a spectacular 4th of July display.

Reporting on the industrial land is not one of the more positive aspects of this Selectmen's Report. The committee had several meetings on this subject. One meeting included a presentation by professional land planner Lucia Kitteredge.

Many things need to be fully ironed out before any reasonable development of this property can be considered. Please see the Industrial Report for more information.

As directed by Town Meeting the selectmen established a cable committee to assist in the selection of a cable carrier. The committee chaired by Sumner Dole and the selectmen chose Continental Cablevision. Sumner's report follows elsewhere in the Town Report.

We should all be proud of the new addition to the Canterbury Elementary school. The addition should allow plenty of room for the March 1991 Town Meeting.

The Town Hall has had its windows repaired and furnaces serviced. This being the oldest Town owned building, the Selectmen feel it is important that it be maintained and preserved. The use of this building for the Annual Spring Play by townspeople is an excellent use of this facility. We hope that the Historical Society will accept stewardship of this building and preserve it for future generations to enjoy.

The selectmen were represented by Roy Glines at a meeting of the Canterbury Fair Committee. After an evening of lengthy discussion the vote was to **not continue to hold the fair in 1991** in its present format. Some discussion as to the future of the fair was held. A possible move might be to coordinate it into some of the events at Shaker Village. A meeting with the Shaker Village Director will be held in January to see if something can be worked out.

With the invasion of Kuwait in 1990 there comes a great deal of change and concern for a number of Canterbury residents and their loved ones. We are proud of our military men and women, whether they serve here at home backing up our troops or in the Persian Gulf. We all look forward to their safe return.

In summary, the selectmen urge all townspeople to read the reports of all the Departments in this Town Report. The selectmen want to thank the many volunteers for their

countless hours of service to our community. All of this effort makes Canterbury a great town to live in.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Selectmen

Leroy A. Glines, Chairman  
Michael T. O'Neil  
Earl Hall

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**  
**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1990**

**DEBITS**

		Levies Of:
Uncollected Taxes — Beginning of Fiscal Year:	1990	Prior
Property Taxes .....		\$299,273.79
Resident Taxes .....		\$2,380.00
Land Use Change Taxes .....		4,300.00
Yield Taxes .....		5,093.40
Taxes Committed to Collector:		
Property Taxes .....	\$2,010,605.00	
Land Use Change Taxes .....	11,895.00	
Yield Taxes .....	4,486.55	
Added Taxes:		
Yield Taxes .....	4,150.65	
Overpayments:		
a/c Property Taxes .....	777.15	1,674.08
Interest Collected on		
Delinquent Taxes .....	2,432.74	7,273.08
Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes		
Excess Debits .....	469.69	4,853.94
<b>TOTAL DEBITS .....</b>	<b><u>\$2,034,816.78</u></b>	<b><u>\$324,848.29</u></b>

**CREDITS**

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:		
Property Taxes .....	\$1,638,691.29	\$305,801.81
Land Use Change Taxes .....	7,690.00	
Yield Taxes .....	7,661.81	
Interest on Taxes .....	2,432.74	7,273.08
Abatements Allowed:		
Property Taxes .....	5,133.19	
Uncollected Taxes End of Fiscal Year:		
Property Taxes .....	368,027.36	
Resident Taxes .....		2,380.00
Land Use Change Taxes .....	4,205.00	4,300.00
Yield Taxes .....	975.39	5,093.40
<b>TOTAL CREDITS .....</b>	<b><u>\$2,034,816.78</u></b>	<b><u>\$324,848.29</u></b>

**SUMMARY OF TAX SALE/TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS**  
**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1990**

**DEBITS**

	Tax Sale/Lien on Account of Levies of: 1989	1988	Prior
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes			
Beginning of Fiscal Year .....		\$41,800.73	\$ 9,824.55
Taxes Sold/Executed to Town			
During Fiscal Year .....	\$107,018.86		
Interest Collected After .....	2,629.31	2,149.64	1,826.18
Redemption Cost .....	200.00	300.00	420.00
Excess Credits .....		0.60	
<b>TOTAL DEBITS .....</b>	<b><u>\$109,848.17</u></b>	<b><u>\$44,250.97</u></b>	<b><u>\$12,070.73</u></b>

**CREDITS**

Remittance to Treasurer			
During Fiscal Year: .....	\$ 53,079.62	\$22,513.47	\$ 7,431.71
Interest & Cost after Sale .....	2,829.31	2,449.64	2,246.18
Abatements During Year .....		375.86	284.24
Deeded to Town During Year .....	368.03	237.75	454.27
Unredeemed Taxes End of Year .....	53,571.21	18,674.25	245.44
Excess Debits .....			1,408.89
<b>TOTAL CREDITS .....</b>	<b><u>\$109,848.17</u></b>	<b><u>\$44,250.97</u></b>	<b><u>\$12,070.73</u></b>

## **REPORT OF THE CEMETERY TRUSTEES**

### **Canterbury Cemetery Regulations**

1. All lot owners shall be governed by the rules of the Cemetery Trustees.
2. The cemetery Trustees shall be responsible for all cemetery affairs — revising rules and rates as conditions change.
3. The Maple Grove and Center Cemeteries shall be kept in such condition as to be a credit to the community. All outlying cemeteries to be mowed annually, or as needed.
4. All lots sold shall include Perpetual Care. Price at this time is \$150.00 per grave unit with \$100.00 of this amount for perpetual care.
5. Perpetual care shall mean the annual upkeep only. Initial grading, seeding, purchase of stone and stone maintenance shall be the responsibility of the lot owner.
6. A concrete vault or liner is required for all burials.
7. No monument or stone shall be erected until lot purchase is paid in full.
8. Only one upright memorial per two or more grave lots. Single grave markers and corner posts are to be flush with the grade.
9. No curbing, fencing, hedging, or enclosures of any kind shall be allowed around any lot. The Trustees reserve the right to remove same if so erected, planted or placed.
10. No change of grade without the approval of the Trustees.
11. No lot owner shall erect or place or cause to be erected any memorial without prior approval of location from the Trustees.
12. All work done in the cemeteries shall be subject to approval of the Trustees.



13. No breakable containers to be used for plants or flowers.
14. No bicycles, motorcycles, snowmobiles, off highway recreational vehicles or horses shall be permitted in the cemetery.
15. The trustees shall keep all records as required by law.
16. The Trustees shall compile and have printed a list of rules and regulations and make them available to all interested parties.
17. The cemeteries will be closed from the time of the first snow until the spring thaw. No interments will be permitted during this time nor will the roads be plowed.
18. Lots to be sold to resident families only.
19. In case of hardship special consideration will be granted at the request of the Selectmen.

In the past two years there has been some destruction and vandalism in our community cemeteries. Anyone seen causing destruction in the cemeteries should be reported to the proper authorities at once. If we all work together perhaps we can keep our local cemeteries looking as they once did.

Virginia Dudley  
Charles M. DuBois  
Larry Stickney, Resigned

# Report of the Trust Funds for the Town of Canterbury on December 31, 1990

Name & Purpose of Trust Fund	PRINCIPAL				INCOME				
	Bal. at Beginning of Year	New Funds Created	Capital Gains Losses	Withdrawals	Bal. at end of Year	Bal. at Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expend. During Year	Bal. End Year
1873 Benjamin Whidden — Cong. Church	200.00	0.00		0.00	200.00	0.00	16.26	16.26	0.00
1918 Lucia Elkins — Library Books	4,000.00	0.00		0.00	4,000.00	55.63	329.72	385.35	0.00
Lucia Elkins — Library Repairs	1,000.00	0.00		0.00	1,000.00	0.00	81.30	81.30	0.00
1960 Frank Drew — Library Unrestricted	3,000.00	0.00		0.00	3,000.00	0.00	243.90	243.90	0.00
1965 Arthur & Mary Mudge — Library	424.00	0.00		0.00	424.00	0.00	34.47	34.47	0.00
1908 Perpetual Care — Cemetery lots	17,025.00	800.00		0.00	17,825.00	6,741.76	1,932.24	351.56	8,322.44
1976 Cemetery Improvements	4,125.00	500.00		0.00	4,625.00	2,000.24	497.98	0.00	2,498.22
1918 Lucia Elkins — S & W Poor	6,987.00	0.00		0.00	6,987.00	5,646.08	1,027.07	0.00	6,673.15
1955 John Kezar — School District	3,702.10	0.00		0.00	3,702.10	141.29	312.47	312.47	1514.74
1971 Thompson Memorial	500.00	0.00		0.00	500.00	438.44	76.30	0.00	1,240.67
1965 Benevolent Fund — Glasses/Dental	700.00	0.00		0.00	700.00	1,094.76	145.91	0.00	1,057.08
1968 Canterbury Youth Fund	751.00	0.00		0.00	751.00	1,059.85	147.23	150.00	
Sub Total	42,414.10	1,300.00	0.00	0.00	43,714.10	17,178.05	4,844.85	1,575.31	20,447.59
1960 Capital Reserve — New Equipment	6,187.29	0.00		0.00	6,187.29	4,290.48	563.43	0.00	4,853.91
1984 Capital Reserve — Truck Reserve	9,799.94	0.00		0.00	9,799.94	2,940.70	907.76	0.00	3,848.46
1981 Capital Reserve — Police Cruiser	4,020.00	0.00		0.00	4,020.00	819.97	277.02	0.00	1,096.99
1982 Capital Reserve — Revaluation	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	967.53	55.66	0.00	1,023.19
1985 Capital Reserve — Fire Truck	6,624.21	0.00		0.00	6,624.21	2,309.16	503.91	0.00	2,813.07
1985 Capital Reserve — Road Grader	50,000.00	0.00		50,000.00	0.00	8,559.67	1,631.94	10,191.61	0.00
1986 Capital Reserve — Landfill	30,000.00	0.00		30,000.00	0.00	4,340.08	906.82	5,246.90	0.00
1986 Capital Reserve — Dump station	0.00	20,000.00		0.00	20,000.00	2,573.99	988.35	0.00	3,562.34
Sub Totals	106,631.44	20,000.00	0.00	80,000.00	46,631.44	26,801.58	5,834.89	15,438.51	17,197.96
TOTALS:	149,045.54	21,300.00	0.00	80,000.00	90,345.54	43,979.63	10,679.74	17,013.82	37,645.55

## REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY — 1990

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With support from the Board of Directors and an active membership, 1990 was a busy and productive year for the Historical Society. Activities begun the previous year were completed and new endeavors mapped out. In October, the Board met for a full day to discuss long-term planning for the Society, a process that should benefit both the membership and community for years to come. Two new Board members were welcomed after the Fall elections and Nola Stokes, after many years of faithful commitment to the Society, was elected an Honorary Member for life. The bylaws have been reviewed and revised and subcommittees have begun to develop a Collections Policy which will be used to manage the current holdings in the Museum as well as future additions. The Board voted to give a year's free membership to all new families moving into town and to all persons who purchase a copy of Lyford's **History** at the Museum.

The problem of adequate storage space for the Collection was helped greatly by the Selectmen's willingness to allow a secure storage area to be built in the basement of the Sam Lake House. 1990 funds from the town are being used to purchase building materials. With other funds, the Society has judiciously purchased several items of historical value relating to Canterbury — sets of school registers dating from the mid-19th to early 20th centuries and some 18th century legal writs (found in a Maine dump!). From a bequest in the will of a former Canterbury resident, funds have been set aside to allow purchase of small acquisitions in the future and, with matching funds, to copy the Luther Cody glass negative collection. Papers from our Collection relating to surveys and roads in Canterbury are being donated to the State Archives (after making copies for our use).

Three Open House events were held at the Houser Museum during 1990 and more are expected next year. New exhibits (buttermolds, the Worsted Church; and photographs of 19th

century summer visitors) were mounted. Bulletin Boards were built, donated and hung on the south wall of the Museum for future photography exhibits. The Society's Oral History Project was rejuvenated; Board members attended workshops on funding and management of Collections; an edition of the Newsletter was sent to all households in town in the Spring; and a start on cataloguing our book collection has been made. In April, items from our manuscript collection were used in an exhibit of Canterbury regional needlework put on by the Hood Museum at Dartmouth. Closer to home, our complete collection of town reports is being used by a Canterbury resident to compile demographic statistics over the past 130 years.

The past year has been a busy and fruitful one. I am personally grateful to the Board, Society members and town residents who have helped move us forward as we continue to look to our past.

Patricia A. Andrews  
President  
Canterbury Historical Society

## **ELKINS LIBRARY REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES — 1990**

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This past year has been a busy one for Elkins Library. Circulation has continued to grow and we have registered many new library patrons. In order to meet N.H. State Library privacy requirements, we have also reregistered all town residents who have held library cards prior to 1990 and assigned numbers for use in signing out books.

The town's librarians have done much to improve library services. Books have been reorganized on the shelves to make them more accessible. A monthly story hour for young children has been instituted and has proven to be extremely successful and well-attended. Many additions have been made to the library's children's and adult books, and the collection of "books-on-tape" has also been expanded. Books continue to be available from all over the state library system through the interlibrary loan system, and town residents who are unable to visit the library due to ill health or lack of transportation are encouraged to call the library to request books.

Once again the library's summer reading program for children, "Readlicious," was very successful and brought many children into the library. The annual library Christmas open house allowed families the opportunity to visit Santa Claus, make Christmas crafts, and visit with friends and neighbors over cookies and cider. Bob Scarponi's assistance in our visit from Santa was very much appreciated. Programs for adults included a spring talk on herbs given by Heidi Sandri, herbalist at Canterbury Shaker Village, and a forum for authors living in town to discuss writing and share their work.

The exterior of the library has been improved by the installation of a new sign giving library hours and by the repainting of all exterior trim. Thanks to David Swenson for his work organizing and overseeing these two projects.

Over the course of this year, the library trustees have welcomed new members Simon Leeming, who has taken over the duties of treasurer, and Elizabeth Kaminski, who was appointed by the selectmen for the remainder of this year. Many thanks go to Edith Posselt and to Mark Hampton for their work as trustees.

All town residents are invited to stop by to borrow some of the library's books, magazines, or tapes. We appreciate the town's continued support and welcome any suggestions for library improvement that you may have.

Barbara Cook, Chairman

## **LIBRARIAN'S REPORT**

Total Circulation 7,171

Adult Fiction	2,734
Adult Non-Fiction	710
Youth Fiction	2,531
Youth Non-Fiction	543
Magazines	64
Tapes	589

### **Books Purchased in 1990**

Adult Fiction	138
Adult Non-Fiction	36
Youth Fiction	97
Youth Non-Fiction	40
Tapes	34
Books Donated	80

1990 was again a very successful year at the Elkins Library. The circulation increased and there are many new card holders. Our new story hour for children has been well attended and the inter-library loan service is very active. Our new copy machine will be available for public use. Thank you for your patience with this matter. Please come and enjoy your library.

Julie Brillhart, Librarian  
Sue Holmes, Assistant Librarian  
Carol Landry, Assistant Librarian

## ELKINS PUBLIC LIBRARY

### Treasurer's Report — 1990

#### Disbursements:

Salaries	\$ 8,263.25
Social Security	632.21
Equipment and Supplies	1,783.84
Books and Magazines	3,852.83
Electric	554.15
Telephone	375.33
Oil	445.79
Repairs and Maintenance	1,153.73
Dues	69.00
Postage	120.58
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	\$17,250.71

#### Receipts:

Balance on hand 1/1/90	—0—
Town of Canterbury Appropriation	\$16,885.00
Interest	450.80
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	\$17,335.80

#### Elkins Library Holding Account:

Balance December 31, 1989	\$8,038.28
Income: Trust Funds:	
Elkins Books	353.48
Elkins Repairs	88.37
Drew	265.11
Mudge	37.47
Fines, interest	1,099.40
Book Fair	755.92
Miscellaneous, Gifts	88.06
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	\$2,687.81
Balance on Hand — December 31, 1990	\$10,726.09



## POLICE STATISTICS FOR 1990

### MOTOR VEHICLE SUMMONSES & WARNINGS FOR 1990

Defective Equipment .....	5
Failure to Dim Lights .....	3
Failure to Notify DMV of Address Change.....	8
Improper-Unsafe Turn.....	3
Misuse of Plates.....	4
Operating with Restricted License .....	1
Operating without License on Person .....	4
Operating without Registration in Vehicle .....	3
Operating without Valid License 1st Offense .....	2
Solid Line Violation .....	9
Speeding .....	35
Stop Sign .....	2
Uninspected Motor Vehicle ....	6
Unregistered Motor Vehicle....	4
Verbal Warnings for MV Violations .....	558
Written Warnings for MV Violations .....	<u>150</u>
<b>Total Motor Vehicle Activity.....</b>	<b>797**</b>

\*\* (Increase of 133 over total of  
664 in 1989)

### MOTOR VEHICLE ARRESTS FOR 1990

Conduct after Accident .....	1
Disobeying Police Officer .....	4
DWI 1st Offense .....	8
DWI Subsequent Offense .....	1
Operating after Suspension or Revocation .....	9
Operating without Financial Responsibility .....	1
Reckless Operation .....	3
Transportation of Alcohol by a Minor .....	14
Transportation of Controlled Drugs.....	<u>6</u>
<b>Total Motor Vehicle Arrests ...</b>	<b>47</b>

### CRIMINAL ACTIVITY FOR 1990

Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault .....	1
Attempted Escape .....	1
Bad Checks .....	7
Bail Jumping .....	2
Bench Warrants Issued .....	4
Bench Warrants Executed .....	7
Burglaries .....	8
Civil Cases .....	4
Criminal Activity by Juveniles .....	62
Criminal Mischief .....	89
Criminal Threatening .....	3
Criminal Trespass .....	24
Disorderly Conduct.....	9
Domestic-Neighborhood Disputes .....	31
False Information to Law Enforcement .....	1
Felon in Possession of Dangerous Weapon.....	1
Fugitives from Justice.....	2
Illegal Dumping .....	33
Issuing Bad Checks .....	7
Noise Complaints .....	19
Open Doors Found .....	27
Possession of Alcohol by a Minor .....	20
Possession of Controlled Drugs .....	5
Possession of Narcotic Drugs .....	2
Prank Calls .....	12
Possession of Prescription Drugs without Prescription ..	2
Prohibited Sales to Minors ....	1
Prowlers Reported .....	1
Receiving Stolen Property .....	1
Recovered Stolen Motor Vehicles .....	3
Resisting Arrest .....	2
Suspicious Persons Reported ...	184
Suspicious Vehicles Reported ..	114
Theft .....	29
Theft or Loss of Mislaid Property .....	1
Theft of Motor Vehicle.....	<u>3</u>
<b>Total Criminal Activity .....</b>	<b>723**</b>

\*\* (Increase of 103 over total of  
620 in 1989)

### CRIMINAL ARRESTS FOR 1990

Attempted Escape .....	1
Bad Checks .....	1
Bench Warrants .....	6
Criminal Trespass .....	1
Disorderly Conduct .....	1
Domestic Assault .....	2
False Report to Law Enforcement .....	1
Fugitives from Justice .....	2
Possession of Alcohol by a Minor .....	20
Possession of Controlled Drugs .....	5
Possession of Narcotic Drugs (Cocaine) .....	2
Possession of Prescription Drug without Prescription ...	2
Possession of Dangerous Weapon by a Felon .....	1
Protective Custody Arrests ...	18
Prohibited Sales to a Minor ...	1
Receiving Stolen Property .....	1
Resisting Arrest .....	2
Theft of a Motor Vehicle .....	3
Theft of Lost or Mislaid Property .....	<u>1</u>
<b>Total Criminal Arrests .....</b>	<b>71</b>

### MISCELLANEOUS POLICE INFORMATION

Alarms .....	61
Animal Complaint Calls .....	144
Assist to Fire Department .....	16
Assist to Other Police Departments .....	107
Disabled Motor Vehicles .....	38
Found Abandoned Vehicles ....	2
Medical Emergency Response Assists .....	16
Miscellaneous Police Calls .....	2,276
Missing People Reported .....	4
Missing People Found .....	4
Motor Vehicle Accidents .....	55
Motor Vehicle Lockouts .....	5
Plane Crashes (Ultra Light) ....	1
Reported DWI's .....	7
Runaway Juveniles Reported ...	2
UFO Sightings Reported .....	2
Untimely Deaths .....	1
Vacant House Check Requests .....	<u>137</u>
<b>Total Police Miscellaneous .....</b>	<b>2,878</b>

(Total Telephone Calls Received  
For Canterbury Police — 3,428)

**\*Total Motor Vehicle and  
Criminal Arrests .....** 118

## **REPORT FROM THE CANTERBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE**

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As you'll be able to see from the call summary to be passed out at town meeting, we continue to be very active, and were called out 121 times during 1990 to respond to fire and/or rescue emergencies in Canterbury or in surrounding towns under the Capital Area Mutual Aid Compact.

Medical calls continue to make up about half of our calls. The 61 calls involved 70 patients and included: an emergency child birth (a healthy baby girl); 2 rescues of para-planes caught in treetops; 9 cardiac cases, 5 respiratory problems, and 31 trauma cases (cuts, bruises, and fractures). 31% of the calls involved motor vehicle accidents. 1 out of every 4 of these occurred on Interstate 93. Repeat calls were received from other locations as well, for example: 6 for Canterbury Elementary School, 6 for Shaker village of Shaker Road, 8 for Intervale Road, and 6 for the Spruces.

In addition to 18 in-house training sessions, several members attended a 116-hour Hazardous Materials training program and an Incident Command System session. Our membership now includes 7 EMT's, 7 First Responders, and 9 Certified Firefighters. As you can see, training is — and will continue to be — our first priority.

The Capital Area Mutual Aid Compact provides dispatch service to its 18 member towns. The total area of the Compact is 643 square miles; contains property valued at nearly 5 billion dollars; and has a population of 91,000. The member towns assist one another during emergencies with equipment and personnel; train together in large scale fire exercises and mass casualty drills; and benefit from the expertise of a salaried Chief Coordinator who assists the local Incident Commander.

Your promptness in calling us during an emergency makes the damage that has been done — and may be continuing to occur — that much easier to remediate. Please . . . call us **first** . . . and then do the best you can to help those in need.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Caswell, Chief  
Canterbury Fire Dept.

## REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN

From a wildfire standpoint, 1990 was just an average year. Most of the activity was concerned with permit and non-permit brushpile fires that got out-of-control. Campfires and lightning strikes accounted for the balance of the 489 fires and 473 acres burned statewide.

You should be aware that New Hampshire State Law (RSA 224:27 II) requires that, "No person shall kindle, or cause to be kindled, any fire, or burn any material in the open, except when the ground is covered with snow, **without first obtaining a written fire permit from the Forest Fire Warden or Deputy Wardens of the town where the burning is to be done.**" Violation of the law is a misdemeanor punishable by fines of up to \$1000. and/or a year in jail. You are also liable for all suppression costs.

Canterbury firefighters responded to several towns to assist their forest fire efforts, including the town of Moultonboro, where we helped darken the 262 acre Red Hill fire. We worked through the night and were treated to a dawn breakfast. And who should be there to make sure we were well fed? None other than former Canterbury Fire Chief Bob Lee — who now lives in Moultonboro.

This year the State will not be able to fund the fire towers until after July. In my opinion, the spotters in the towers give us **the edge** when it comes to keeping wildfire damage to a minimum. If you see any suspicious smoke in your neighborhood, be sure and call our emergency number (225-3355).

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Caswell  
Forest Fire Warden

## REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD — 1990

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During 1990 the deterioration in New Hampshire's economy was reflected in a dramatic decrease in the number of applications for subdivision approval received by the Planning Board. The lull in development activity in Canterbury enabled the Board to devote its resources and time not solely to review of subdivision and site plan applications, but also to comprehensive planning for the future so that the Town will be in a stronger position to plan and direct future development when the economy recovers.

At Town Meeting in 1990, the Town approved several amendments to the zoning ordinance. The revised zoning ordinance is easier for both applicants and the Planning Board to understand and apply, and it incorporates new protection for environmentally significant areas of Town, including one of our most valuable resources, the Merrimack River. Recently, the Board has undertaken a thorough revision of subdivision and site plan regulations to make them consistent with both the new zoning ordinance and recent statutory changes made by the New Hampshire legislature.

Jim Carter and Doug Ruesswick are stepping down from the Board in March 1991. The Board expresses its gratitude to Doug and Jim for their many years of invaluable service to the Town. Also, the Board wishes to thank Carolyn Davidson who served as Planning Board secretary until the end of 1990.

The Planning Board meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. The Board encourages your attendance at monthly public hearings and invites your participation in planning for Canterbury's future.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Bassett, Chairman

**TOWN OF CANTERBURY  
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT  
1990 REVIEW**

<b>Case Number</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Appeal</b>	<b>Decision</b>
1990-1	Peter Prescott Everett J. Prescott Co.	Special Exception Parking Lots	Granted Conditionally
1990-2	Stephen Fifield	Special Exception Residence - RRN Zone	Granted
1990-3	Denise Isaac	Special Exception Home Occupation	Granted
1990-4	Gregory Heath	Special Exception Home Occupation	Granted
1990-5	Joyce Craig	Variance Setback	Granted
1990-6	Paul Demers	Special Exception Home Occupation	Granted Conditionally
1990-7	James R. Hall, Jr.	Variance Setback	Denied
1990-8	Peter Prescott Everett J. Prescott Co.	Special Exception Parking Lots	Granted Conditionally

Joseph Halla, Chairman



## REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission in 1990 had some accomplishments, especially in land protection. (see separate report) in addition to the "Riverland" area and "Shaker" area projects. "Earth Day" was celebrated with the dedication of "Peverly Meadows" on Baptist Road, and with a walk-a-bout to Peverly Falls, Shaker Ponds and the Meeh property.

On May Day, another sugar maple was planted along the center cemetery wall by myself and Jan Cote's 4-H girls. Also the Cushmans dedicated their efforts to saving the center elm by treating it with an anti-fungicide against Dutch Elm Disease.

The Commission is working with the Selectmen on managing town forest parcels and their timber harvest revenues. Dredge and fill applications are reviewed and a wetlands inventory is planned. Maintenance of Conservation areas continues along with a deer yard survey with Fish and Game officials.

The Commission will sponsor one or two persons; 14-18 years of age to the S.P.N.H.F. Conservation camp in June. Please contact Bob Fife before May if you are interested.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my members and alternates for their dedication to the Commission.

Special appreciation goes out to past member Lenore Howe, who spent many hours on the "Riverland" acquisition through the "Trust for New Hampshire Lands". Ken Stern as well, has worked with Lenore and saw through the final acquisition of the "Riverland".

Thanks to our Selectmen, Planning Board and Road Agent "Hugh" for their cooperation. Thanks for help from Willie Nelson for donating loam I needed for maintenance in the Center, and for the final bid on the Riverland project!

In order to continue protecting the quality of our natural areas, the land fund needs the continuing revenue from the "Current Use Penalty Exchange Tax". We ask for your support in keeping the land fund endowed.

Respectfully,  
Robert Fife, Chairman

## **CANTERBURY RECYCLING COMMITTEE REPORT**

This has been an active year for recycling in Canterbury. Town Meeting voted recycling mandatory which set a standard for seriously addressing our town's potential for reducing its single-use waste. There has been tremendous enthusiasm and cooperation on the part of town's people for the whole process of separating and properly placing our recyclable materials at the Recycling Center. By the end of 1990 the changes have been successfully completed and adjusted to.

Here's what we have achieved:

- through contracted and volunteer labor, built new glass bins with a glass crusher to condense the glass and sorting tables to sift out potential contaminants from the glass
- recycled the old waste oil contained in badly rusted drums and replaced these with a 250 gallon drum which lowers the cost of recycling the oil
- converted the old glass bins to store newspaper, tin cans and aluminum cans
- recycled our huge, old scrap pile and replaced it with a concrete site and metal container for efficient, clean storage and removal
- removed the seriously polluting materials from the burn pile to the construction waste pile for safe storage in a lined landfill in northern NH (thus complying with State regulations)
- begun to compost leaves and grass clippings
- partially constructed an office for the facility attendants
- generally spruced up the grounds and layout of our facility
- applied for and received a grant from the State for \$4,100
- worked out the glitches so that our materials are moving to market

The Town Budget will show a cost overrun for recycling. This is due to an increase in cost for the new scrap metal site

over the original estimate. More concrete and re-enforcement were needed to create a safe site on which the truck could deposit the roll-off container. Another factor in the overrun was the newness of the program and the difficulty in projecting the amount of material Canterbury would accumulate. Scrap metal, in particular, accumulated quickly and in large amounts. We also added used motor oil to our program, after the fact, at the request of many town's people.

With nine months of experience the present marketing factors are understood and anticipated for 1991. The only addition the Recycling Committee hopes to include in our efforts is the recycling of our present tire pile and more active management of incoming tires for recycling. You will hear more about this at Town meeting.

Here is a run down of the amount of each material Canterbury recycled this year since April 21. Also included is the cost of disposal for some material, the revenue received for others and the savings we achieved by not taking certain materials to the Penacook incinerator.

Material	Amount Recycled	Cost	Revenue	Savings on deferred tipping fee
Used Oil	650 gallons	387.50	0	DA
Newspaper	23.31 tons	522.00	5.16	1033.32
Aluminum				
Cans	2734 lbs.	0	982.22	47.45
Tin Cans	4.85 tons	0	52.17	117.00
Batteries	25 batteries	0	25.00	DA
Glass	0	0	0	?
Scrap Metal	53.23 tons	977.20	267.95	DA

The Recycling Committee thanks everyone in Canterbury for their good work in recycling and expresses its appreciation to Allan Barton and David Heath for their steady efforts to make recycling work for us.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Stephens  
Chairperson, Recycling Committee

## LAND CONSERVATION REPORT



Aerial View of "Riverland" showing Beach Area, Oxbow Ponds and Farmland. Looking East from Boscawen Side of River.

In addition to its other activities, the Conservation Commission has continued its efforts for land conservation.

**Riverland Conservation Area** — After a long delay the parking area has been built and the area will be officially open after the spring floods recede. Until then please go walking or skiing but leave your car on the high ground. The farmer has built a fence around the private property and a barn to improve his ability to actively farm the area. The fenced area is private property under conservation easement.

**Shaker Road-Meeh Easement** — The town has entered into a conservation easement with several members of the Meeh family to permanently protect 250 acres from future development. The area includes active fields, three Shaker Ponds, a large wetland and a sugar bush. This action by the town has secured an additional 550 acres of Meeh property under conservation easement to the State under the Land Conservation Investment Program. The entire easement area of 800 acres which was originally Shaker land will remain undeveloped forever providing benefits to townspeople and wildlife. The Shaker Village is negotiating a similar agreement on 600 additional acres.

We offer our thanks and grateful appreciation to the Meeh family for their farsighted generosity. This large undeveloped area will be lasting legacy for many generations to come.

Respectfully,

Ken Stern  
for the Conservation Commission

## INDUSTRIAL LAND REPORT

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The committee members are: Chance Anderson, Ron Coriveau, Sumner Dole, Bob Fife, Mary Ellen Fifield, Roy Glines, Doug Ruesswick, and Robert Scarponi. Sandy Dougherty was hired to keep the minutes.

The Committee has the responsibility of making recommendations to the Board of Selectmen regarding the future uses of the town-owned industrial land located near Exit 18. This land, about 65 acres, was acquired from the state in 1962 with the stipulation that it be used for commercial or industrial activities. Recently the land had been listed by the town with a realtor.

Although the committee has not completed its assigned task at this time, it has met several times, and has reviewed 1.) the need to appraise the property to determine its market value, and 2.) expressed concerns about the condition of the Norton Hildreth property that abutts the town land.

Lucia Kittredge was retained to consult with the committee on a number of topics including: 1.) the need to develop a range of desirable uses of the land, 2.) the need for a methodology to assess the benefits, impacts, and practicality of potential uses, 3.) to consider possible zoning changes, 4.) developing land use controls and performance standards consistent with the town's goals, and 5.) to develop an approach to marketing the property.

In addition, the committee met with Tim Winter of the DRED Office of Industrial Development, and reviewed the N.H. Economic Development Data System (NEDDS) which will help inform potential companies of the availability of the land and information about the town. He also provided information on industry contacts.

The committee plans to meet with Bill Klubben of the Central N.H. Planning Commission in the near future to discuss

a number of issues, including visual impact, zoning, rail status, traffic, the bridge, and future development of the immediate area.

The committee hopes to complete its responsibilities in the early spring and provide its recommendations to the Selectmen. Although this may not be the best time to sell the land, it does give the town the opportunity to adequately plan for the long term development of this valuable property as an asset to the town.

Submitted by Sumner Dole



## CENTRAL NEW HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

329 Daniel Webster Highway  
Boscawen, New Hampshire 03303  
(603) 796-2129

The Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC) is a voluntary association of 19 towns and the City of Concord in Merrimack and Hillsborough Counties. The Town of **Canterbury** is a member in good standing of the Commission.

The CNHRPC is organized under RSA 36:45-53 to prepare coordinated regional plans and to assist communities with local planning activities.

Our accomplishments over the last year include:

**Housing:** We assisted communities in implementing the recommendations of *Affordable Housing Needs in the Central Region*, published in 1989. The report identifies low and moderate income housing needs in the Region by municipality.

**Regional Plan:** We prepared a draft of the land use element of the regional master plan. The draft is scheduled for public hearing in February of 1991.

**Solid Waste:** The Commission assisted the Central NH and Hopkinton-Webster Solid Waste Districts in obtaining state approval of their *Solid Waste Management Plans*. The Commission had assisted each district in the preparation of their plans and continues to assist with implementation.

**Recycling:** The CNHRPC prepared a regional recycling status update, funded by a grant through the Governor's recycling initiative.

**Household Hazardous Waste Collection:** The CNHRPC organized its second household hazardous waste collection on



October 13, 1990, with collection sites in Bow and Warner. Cosponsors were the Towns of Allenstown, Boscawen, Bow, Bradford, Canterbury, Dunbarton, Hopkinton, Pembroke, Sutton, Warner, Webster, and Wilmot and Wheelabrator Concord, LP.

**River Management and Protection:** The Commission cosponsored the successful nomination of the upper Merrimack River to the NH Rivers Management and Protection Program. The Commission is cosponsoring the nomination of the Contoocook River this legislative session.

**Water Resource Management and Protection Plan (WRM&PP):** The Beaverdam Brook Plan, encompassing parts of Boscawen, Salisbury, and Webster is the first multi-town plan completed in New Hampshire.

**Geographic Information System (GIS):** The system, designed to map and manage geographic information, has been used in regional and town plans.

During 1990 CNHRPC activities in **Canterbury** included providing an electronic copy (on floppy disk) of model subdivision and site plan regulations, attending a work session on the subdivision and site plan regulations, providing alternative methods for regulating excessively deep lots, and providing solid waste and recycling information.

Bill Klubben  
Executive Director

## CABLE REPORT

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The Town of Canterbury is not going to have a cable system in the near future.

Continental Cablevision was selected by the Cable Committee comprised of the Board of Selectmen, Robert Scarponi, John Pratt, and Sumner Dole. At a public hearing in June, Continental formally presented its proposal — the system would serve more than 95% of the homes in Canterbury.

Following the public hearing, Sumner Dole was given the responsibility to finalize the franchise agreement, have it reviewed by the Town's attorney to protect the town's interests, and present it to the Selectmen for signing.

The town's attorney found the agreement to be either deficient or vague and ambiguous in several areas, requiring modification. A major concern dealt with the description of the area to be served by cable. Where cable is going or not going in a town is the single most important criteria for a town to determine when it awards a franchise, and the town's attorney advised listing the telephone pole numbers at the system terminus on partially served roads. The requirement for submitting telephone pole numbers is a standard practice, where a system does not serve the entire town, but it would take several months to obtain this information. It would provide a better description, than the conceptual map submitted, of where cable was actually going and would eliminate a major loophole in the agreement. Without this change, the Town would not know specifically where cable was actually going to go, as the telephone pole numbers would not be supplied until three months after signing the agreement, and the agreement stated, "In no event shall company be required to extend feeder cable beyond 300 feet of the pole number submitted to the Town". It made sense to follow the town attorney's advice to wait, review the strand map and obtain the

pole numbers prior to signing the 20 year agreement and avoid possible misunderstandings, unrealized expectations, and lawsuits later on.

While the design map or strand map was being completed the economic slump, with its banking crisis, became a critical factor. The town's system, estimated to cost \$600,000, was a marginal investment, making it difficult for Continental to obtain the required capital to build the proposed system. Internally, the company had created new cable system investment guidelines and the Canterbury system exceeded their cost per home passed criteria by more than 30 per cent. The cable industry was experiencing a declining value, for loan purposes, of a potential subscriber as well. Continental also had to secure capital for the Concord franchise renewal and other towns where they had earlier signed franchises, including Weare, Chichester, and Nottingham. While Continental is the fourth largest cable company in the country, due to major changes in the banking industry it now had to deal with over 135 banks, instead of its usual 60. The cable industry like other sectors of the economy faced hard times and tight money supplies.

The realities of the economy and lending practices forced Continental to completely review its proposal and they submitted a drastically revised one. The new proposal would serve about 400 homes with 25 miles of plant with a density of 15.8 homes per mile; in sharp contrast to over 50 miles of plant, serving over 600 homes, and a density of 13.2 homes per mile. No construction would take place in 1991, and the system would not be completed until late 1992, or early 1993.

In a letter attached to the revised franchise agreement, Continental described the significant changes in the economy and within the cable television industry that forced them to modify the original proposal. The following are quoted excerpts:

1. Continental Cablevision remains interested in and committed to constructing, operating and maintaining a cable television system in the Town of Canterbury. The revisions

are a direct result of the downturn in the local and national economy.

2. The economy has affected Continental's ability to provide cable service to Canterbury in the following ways: Number one, banks are extremely reluctant, due to restrictions by federal regulators, to lend money. This has resulted in very tight limits on capital expenditures Continental may make in 1991 and following years. The local economy has also seen a significant slow down. This has resulted in cable television customers cutting back on or disconnecting cable service due to their discretionary entertainment budget shrinking.

3. We also had to take into consideration re-regulatory proposals under active consideration in the U.S. Congress and Federal Communications Commission (FCC). As a result of deregulation in 1986, Continental has been able to extend cable service to sparsely settled communities. A curtailment on our ability to set rates, based upon market conditions, hinders our expansion capabilities.

4. The factors for our revisions outlined briefly above are out of Continental's control.

The revised proposal was rejected, it made little sense to sign a 20 year agreement based upon the worst case scenario presented by Continental. Unfortunately, the Town was caught in the middle of a rapidly deteriorating economy and now must wait until it improves before it has a cable system serving a majority of its residents. Finally, there are no other immediate options to pursue with respect to other companies. Several area towns that signed franchises with other cable companies (that have now gone out of business) are not going to get cable in the near future either.

Submitted by Sumner Dole

# BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF CANTERBURY, N.H.

For the Year Ending December 31, 1990

Date	Place	Name of Child	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
1990				
Jan. 6	Concord	Kathleen Norma Dole	Sumner Alvord Dole	Kathleen Glines
Mar. 2	Concord	Lauren Kendra Prospere	Richard Ernest Prospere	Carol Louise Bogle
17	Derry	Colin John Allgaier	Brian Alexander Allgaier	Jacquelyn Suzanne Schmura
27	Concord	Timothy James Near	Glenn Willard Near	Michele Feliciotti
April 3	Nashua	Jennah Gayle Knight	Henry Edward Knight	Suzanne Enzian
8	Canterbury	Emily Anne Poole	Page Glover Poole	Marie Elizabeth Clark
26	Manchester	Cynthia Laura Richard	William Scott Richard	Stephanie Diane Potter
July 21	Concord	Zachary James Robichaud	Kenneth Roland Robichaud	Karen Elizabeth Jones
Aug. 8	Concord	Emmett James Collins	Brian John Collins	Diane Kathleen O'Hara
Sept. 11	Concord	Zachary James Snyder	James Luther Snyder	Susan Ares
Nov. 2	Concord	Brian Charles Ruddy	Charles Oliver Ruddy	Anne Schwartz
Dec. 27	Concord	Ryan Allan Chase	Wesley Leonard Chase	Jane Beth Seeley
*Mar. 22	Concord	Kevin Philip Schofield	Jeffrey Duncan Howard-Schofield	Patricia Burne Quigley
*OMITTED FROM 1989				

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CHERYL A. GORDON, Town Clerk

# MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF CANTERBURY, N.H.

**For the Year Ending December 31, 1990**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name of Groom and Bride</b>	<b>Place of Residence</b>
1990		
Jan 9	Peter Robert Clifton Joni Gilbert Betourne	Canterbury, NH Canterbury, NH
Mar. 17	Rodney Hillary Forey Susan Elisabeth Reid	Canterbury, NH Canterbury, NH
28	Albert Alvin Aldo Brenda Murray	Canterbury, NH Canterbury, NH
April 14	Graham John Chynoweth Linda JoAnne Peters	Canterbury, NH Canterbury, NH
May 5	Thomas Edward Smart Michelle Dawn Shibles	Canterbury, NH Canterbury, NH
12	Jeffrey Stridde Heidi Hanson Laufman	Kihei, Hawaii Kihei, Hawaii
14	Edward C. Kimball Marquerite S. Norris	Canterbury, NH Canterbury, NH
June 16	Paige Glover Poole Marie Elizabeth Clark	Canterbury, NH Canterbury, NH
29	Randy Dwayne Lewis Michelle Marie Desjardins	Derry, NH Canterbury, NH
30	Christopher Moretto Kimberly Mae Baker	Canterbury, NH Franklin, NH
Aug. 17	James Michael Cheney, Sr. Robin Louise Pearson	Gilmanton, NH Gilmanton, NH
25	Eric Wolfgang Hauptman Mary Aureore Greenwood	Henniker, NH Canterbury, NH
Sept. 1	G. Charles Otto Linda S. Stephenson	Canterbury, NH Candia, NH
22	Peter A. Barrasso Laurie A. Sprague	North Reading, MA North Reading, MA
Oct. 6	Jeffrey Glen Davidson Susan Ann Bailey	Brighton, MA Brighton, MA
6	Theodore C. Landroche Deborah Joan Thayer	Canterbury, NH Canterbury, NH
*Sept. 9	Peter Tracy Fife Valarie Ann Thropp-Webster	Canterbury, NH Canterbury, NH
*Omitted From 1989		

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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# DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF CANTERBURY, N.H.

For the Year Ending December 31, 1990

Date	Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
1990				
Jan. 28	Epsom	Edgar E. Abberton	James Abberton	Bridget T. Madden
May 28	Concord	Ina M. Phillips	James E. Marden	Grace Rollins
June 9	Canterbury	Richard A. Greenwood	Arthur W. Greenwood	Marie Fournier
Aug. 15	Concord	Lawrence W. Nelson	William A. Nelson	Gladys Walker
Sept. 26	Concord	Frank H. Jenkins	Frank H. Jenkins	Hazel Peters
Oct. 3	Canterbury	Goldie I.R. Lindsay	Unknown	Unknown
15	Laconia	Sheila L. Jarvi	Alfred Cobleigh	Shirley Wilson
Nov. 2	Canterbury	Stuart E. Martin	True G. Martin	Grace Swett
Dec. 19	Concord	William F. Ham	Herman Ham	Pauline Miller

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history of the Village. On October 3 the last Shaker Eldress, Bertha Lindsay, (age 93) passed away quietly at her Village home, where she had lived for 86 years. Sister Ethel Hudson (age 94) remains as our living memory of the people and events which transpired here in a century which is fast closing.

The year 1990 has been a good one for the Village. Public service was expanded through Sunday openings and the extended season of November -December. Financial decline was halted and operating expenses were reduced. In addition to the Meeting House, the Village was able to begin major restoration of its only remaining barn, the 1819 Horse Barn. We anticipate completion of the barn by Wood Day (May 11) with the opening of an exhibit of horse drawn sleighs, carriages and equipment on Farm Day (June 1).

As the Village prepares for its Bicentennial, it is my hope that ties with the Town of Canterbury will grow stronger each year. We at the Village are proud that Canterbury is seeking to preserve its heritage and want to cooperate with Town officials and residents to contribute to the special character of the Town. We also want Canterbury residents to see the Village as a community resource for education, inspiration, quality food and hand-crafts, and wholesome family fun.

Thank you Canterbury for your support!

Scott T. Swank, Director  
Canterbury Shaker Village

*A group of girls brought up in Shaker Village*





Winter scene at North Family Village, Canterbury



Sisters going to Blacksmith Orchard to pick apples



Sisters waiting to go into town in front of Trustees Office



Sisters mowing their gardens in front of the Ministry and the Meeting House

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